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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Steamer New Orleans and the British tramp steamer Caldy were both damaged in collision in the Patapsco river near Sparrow's Point. —— The collector of the port of New York says there is a regular organized gang of tobacco smugglers bringing leaf into this country. —— President Castro's answer, accepting the arbitration proposal, has reached Washington. —— The Consolidated Tobacco Company proposes to increase its capital stock from thirty millions to forty millions. —— In a collision yesterday on the Grand Trunk railway, between freight trains a conductor was killed and cars were destroyed. —— Germany has prefered claims against Venezuela, not subject to arbitration, amounting to $300 000. —— Race trouble in Jamaica is reported, caused by the master of an American vessel shooting his second mate, a negro. —— All the powers are in accord with Spain regarding Morocco. —— In a train wreck at Little Rock, Ark., thirty railroad employes were injured; four fatally. —— Andrew Carnegie has given New Orleans a quarter of a million dollars to establish a library. —— The Chinese government refuse to pay the international indemnity in gold. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call firm at 6@12 per cent; cotton—quiet at 8.90 cents; flour—was dull but steady; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 74½c; corn—spot easy, No. 2 59c; oats—spot quiet, No. 2 68½c; rosin—firm, spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 31.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 36 degrees; 8 P. M., 46 degrees; maximum, 55 degrees; minimum, 35 degrees; mean, 45 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 3.26.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—For North Carolina: Fair, warmer, Thursday; Friday rain; fresh east winds.

Port Almanac—January 1.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.59 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 49 M.
High Water at Southport	9.42 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	12.12 A. M.

Henry Marr, of Indiana, ought to be able to maintain his equilibrium without much effort. He lives at the exact center of population, with 18,560,000 people on each and every side of him.

It is reported that the Standard Oil Trust has got its clutches on the principal gushers in the Beaumont, Texas, field, and about the first thing it did was to run oil up a dollar a barrel.

A London dispatch says Sir Thomas Lipton will spend $1,000,000 to capture that cup. The valuation he sets upon it will make the fellows on this side more determined to hold on to it.

Cholera seems to have a pretty firm grip on the Philippines, notwithstanding the several announcements that it had been stamped out. Within the past few weeks the new cases in Manila alone have averaged thirty a day.

If it be true, as reported, that Senator Vest will accept if re-elected, but will not make a contest for the place, ex Gov. Stone may as well conclude to wait a while. In some respects Stone may be all right, but he wouldn't fit Vest's chair.

Since Andrew Carnegie undertook to avoid the "disgrace of dying rich" he has given to libraries, schools, &c. $67,337,523. John D. Rockefeller, who does not seem to be so much worried over the disgrace of dying rich, has given in all $12,750,000, $11,250,000 to the Chicago University, $500,000 to Columbia University and $1,000,000 to negro schools in the South.

The "sleeping sickness" prevalent in some portions of Africa is said to have carried off between 20,000 30,000 people in the province of Uganda alone. It is said to be invariably fatal and also contagious. It is feared that it may be carried into Egypt. The people attacked by it become sleepy and finally pass most of the time in sleep until they die. It seems to be some sort of a brain paralyzer, of which the doctors know little or nothing yet.

There are about fifty Boston men, who daily visit one of the public baths to take a plunge in the salt water regardless of where the mercury is performing on the thermometer. Sometimes they have to cut through the ice, but they seem to enjoy it, and some of them who were pronounced incurable consumptives say they have been cured by it. It ought to take a pretty robust case of consumption which could get away with a fellow that could stand a business like that daily.

GOLF TOURNAMENT TO-DAY.

Annual Handicap Event on the Cape Fear Links—Large Number of Entries and Delightful Day Assured.

The annual handicap tournament for men on the links of the Cape Fear Golf Club will take place to-day and promises to be a most delightful affair. It will be an eighteen-hole tournament and play will start at 10:15 A. M. The number of entries is large and the handicaps have been officially announced as follows:

	Handicaps.
J. J. Blair	0
Geo. Rountree	0
T. M. Emerson	0
C. McMillan	0
H. MacRae	0
H. C. Bridgers	0
A. S. Williams	4
J. K. Williams	12
M. L. H. Gouverneur	14
W. W. Merrell	14
C. G. Elliott	14
Pembroke Jones	20
W. J. Bellamy	24
E. W. VanC. Lucas	24
E. C. Holt	24
W. A. Dick	24
W. Foster	24
Geo. Peschau	24
R. D. W. Connor	24
D. R. Williams	24
D. MacRae	27
H. H. McIlhenny	27
S. W. Merrell	32
G. W. Brunson	32
T. H. Wright	32
T. W. Davis	32
C. Giles, Jr.	32
J. O. Carr	36
J. R. Kenly	36

A very convenient schedule will be in effect on the suburban car line and the number of spectators will doubtless by very large. New Year's Day 1903 will be a notable one with the Club according to present indications

LOCAL DOTS.

— Good-bye to the old year, and welcome to the new.

— If you write it 1902 now, you will be behind the times.

— Spirits turpentine sold at 52½ cents at 4 P. M. yesterday.

— Don't "swear off." Just determine you will quit—and quit.

— Jeff Davis Council, Jr. O. U. A. M. will install officers to-night.

— Local spot cotton is quoted at 8½ cents for middling. Receipts are light.

— January the first, nineteen hundred and three This is the style now, you know.

— The North Carolina Sorosis will hold its business meeting Friday instead of to-day as previously announced.

— This is the birthday of the horse editor. "How old," did you say? Well, he's still paying poll-tax under a special dispensation.

— Sunday hours will be observed to-day at the postoffice, with the exception that carriers will make only one collection and delivery.

— Dr. Thomas Hill, of Goldsboro, has accepted the appointment of surgeon on the the staff of Brigadier General James I. Metts, of this city.

— A competent and experienced feeder for Job Presses can secure employment by immediate application at the STAR office. Liberal wages paid.

— Mayor pro tem. Cooper held the municipal reins yesterday in the absence of Col. Waddell. There were no cases of importance in the police court.

— The name of Mrs. R. B. John should have appeared in the list of committees for the Y. M. C. A. New Year reception instead of Mr. R. B. Johnston.

— Rufus Davis, colored, was committed to jail yesterday by Justice Fowler on a charge of larceny. He will be given a preliminary hearing at 10 A. M. to-day.

— The beautiful decorations for L'Arioso german Tuesday night were by the Wilmington Floral Co., which had charge of the decorations for L'Agile german last night.

— By deed filed for record yesterday Jno. H. Beery and wife transferred to Miss Sibyl Hancock for $627.70 house and lot at southwest intersection of Fifteenth and Princess street, 78x165 feet in size.

— The Clarendon Water Works Co., is presenting to its friends and patrons an exceedingly pretty calendar, which is even more valuable than for its art, because on the back are the numbers and location of the fire alarm boxes in the city.

— A sight draft from the "Bank of Prosperity" for 365 happy days on the "National Bank of Fortune," "State of Happiness," is an exceedingly clever little greeting for the New Year being sent out by the People's Saving Bank.

— SouthsideBaptist Sunday school will give its Christmas entertainment to-night at 8 o'clock. Seats free. Collection for foreign missions. All the children and young ladies participating in the entertainment are requested to attend a final rehearsal at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

At Hardin's—Wiley's candies.
Murchison National Bank—Statem't
Atlantic National Bank—Dividend.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Shoe string belt.
Lost—Tail off lady's neck fur.
Wanted-Girl to learn telephone bo'd
People's Savings Bank—January 2d.
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Welsbach goods at cost.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Initial Day on 1903 Calendar Was Ushered In Last Night Very Appropriately.

SEVERAL ENTERTAINMENTS.

Sunday Schools Continued Their Holiday Festivities—Watch Night Services Held—Token of Esteem and Love for Dr. C. S. Blackwell.

New Year's eve in Wilmington was perhaps as notable for the number and brilliancy of its holiday entertainment as the Yule tide itself. Many churches and Sunday schools had appropriate exercises early last evening, and watch-night services were the order at not a few places as the old year later died out at midnight and as the new year came joyfully in upon its passing. The ending of the old and the beginning of the new calendar transpired with much the same observance as in former times, but less elaborate.

The first of the church entertainments was by the primary department of the First Presbyterian Sunday school, under the direction of Miss Nellie Cook. It took place in Abbie Chadbourn Memorial Hall, and continued from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon. There was a Christmas tree for the little folks, and from its pretty branches they received candies, oranges, fruits and other confections. The children also enjoyed a number of games and other diversions. At night, from 7 to 10 o'clock, the older pupils of the school, with a number of their friends, were delightfully entertained at a pretty Xmas reception, which was largely attended. A phonograph, which discoursed a number of pleasing selections, was one of the features which gave great pleasure. Refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cakes, etc., were graciously served by the ladies. The Memorial Hall for both occasions was beautifully decorated with wild smilax and other evergreens, a Christmas tree in all its beauty having been one of the features.

The First Baptist Church.

We are told in Holy Writ that it is "more blessed to give than to receive," and it was that spirit which predominated at the annual Xmas entertainment of the First Baptist church last night. The exercises opened in the main auditorium of the building with brief introductory remarks by Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, the pastor. Then followed a programme of pleasing Christmas carols by the children and a contribution either in kind or in cash by every child for the Thomasville Orphanage. These contributions—and they were very handsome ones, too—were received by Santa Claus, cleverly impersonated by Mr. George E. Leftwich. When the children had finished with their deeds of kindness, old Kris Kringle then repaid them by distributing tickets to a delightful spread of refreshments by the ladies in the Sunday school room to which all repaired. One of the most pleasing and fitting incidents of the night was the presentation through Mr. James C. Stevenson of an elegant silk umbrella, gold handled and suitably inscribed, and a handsome toilet set to the church's beloved pastor, Dr. Blackwell. The gifts came from the Sunday school and other friends in the congregation.

At Fifth Street M. E. Church.

None the less pleasing of the church entertainments was that by the Fifth Street M. E. Sunday school, lasting from 8 to 10 o'clock. The decorations were beautiful and the programme of exercises was charmingly observed. Rev. F. M. Shamburger, the pastor, opened the entertainment with an appropriate prayer and an excellent address. This was followed by songs by the children and the choir. The welcome in behalf of the school was by little Miss Miriam Newton, six years old, who performed her part with much sweetness and grace. "The Little Bell Ringers" was splendidly reproduced by ten little girls who kept time to the music with chimes. Miss Maggie Hall delightfully entertained with a recitation, and this was followed by one of the most pleasing features of the occasion—a duet, "Star of the East," by Misses Kate Sholar and Edna Fleet. Miss Elsie Risley next favored the audience with a recitation, and after a song by the choir, Christmas gifts were distributed from a fancy chimney by Mr. M. M. Marshburn, who cleverly impersonated the holiday Saint, Santa Claus.

The Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

The Christmas entertainment last night by the Sunday school of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets, was greatly enjoyed by a large number of young folks. The exercises consisted of the presentation of a very handsome tree, laden with gifts and contributed by St. James' Sunday school. The presents were distributed from the tree to the children during the progress of very appropriate Christmas exercises.

The Watch-Night Services.

Among the churches which observed watch-night services were Grace, Market Street and the Second Advent. All are reported to have been well attended and the services to have been of an appropriate and pleasant character.

— Fletcher Flowers, the colored man arrested Tuesday by Deputy Sheriff Holton, for the larceny of four bushels of potatoes from a Brunswick county man, was committed by Justice Fowler yesterday for the higher court next week.

DELIGHTFUL XMAS GERMAN.

Annual Holiday Dance by L'Agile Cotillion Club Enjoyed Last Night by Large Number of Young People.

The annual Christmas german last night by L'Agile Cotillion Club was one of the most delightful in the history of that popular organization and was participated in by about thirty couples. The decorations were very profuse, but in good taste. Holly, mistletoe, bamboo and other evergreens made the brilliantly lighted ball room a picture of great beauty and one befitting the holiday event that it was. Mr. O. A. Wiggins, Jr., skillfully led the figures, many of which were new and intricate. The music was by Hollowbush's splendid orchestra, and among the couples present were the following:

Miss Leonora Cantwell with Mr. Jas. G. Cotchett; Miss Annabel Latimer with Mr. P. W. Davis; Miss Madeline DeRosset with Mr. A. D. Daniel; Miss Mary Allen Short with Mr. H. R. Faison; Miss Elizabeth Payne with Mr. T. M. Henderson; Miss Louise Bellamy with Mr. H. R. Hunter; Miss May Ella Rankin with Mr. Frank Harriss; Miss Emma Northrop with Mr. P. M. Holmes; Miss Kate Maffitt with Mr. C. D. Maffitt; Miss Lilly Gilchrist with Mr. W. L. Moore; Miss Gertrude Muncaster with Mr. C. R. Muncaster; Miss Bessie Latimer with Mr. W. M. Peck; Miss Julia Parsley with Mr. H. G. Smallbones, Jr.; Miss Olive Armstrong with Mr. Earl St. John; Miss Moore, of Indiana, with Mr. J. Hargrove Taylor; Miss Dozier, of Georgia, with Mr. B. J. Robinson; Miss Bessie Gore with Mr. M. S. Weaver; Miss Bessie Burrus with Mr. W. L. Walker; Miss Ida Brown with Mr. F. C. West; Miss Meta LeGrande with O. A. Wiggins, Jr.; Miss Margaret Ashe with Mr. Norwood Giles; Miss Isabel Rountree with Mr. S. C. Potts, Jr.; Miss Laura Clark with Mr. Geo. G. Thomas, Jr., Miss Beulah Armstrong with Mr. Joe Armstrong; Miss Mary Wiggins with Mr. John Giles; Miss Janie Williams with Mr. W. M. Emerson.

Stags—Messrs. Tom Meares, Preston Cumming, Jr., and Reston Stevenson.

COMING OF PECK'S BAD BOY.

Indications Point to Two Successful Performances Saturday.

If all indications are correct, the matinee at the Academy of Music Saturday will be a record breaker. The children seem delighted that they are to get an opportunity once again of seeing "Peck's Bad Boy," and will, no doubt, literally pack the theatre. If such proves not the case, it will be vastly different from the matinees the company has played in other cities. Crowded houses at both the afternoon and night performances has been the rule everywhere this popular play has been presented this season. For the engagement here of the "Bad Boy" the prices have been greatly reduced. At the matinee it will be 10 cents for children and 25 cents for adults, and at night the prices will be from 10 to 50 cents. Seats for the night performance will be on sale at Plummer's tomorrow morning.

"Peck's Bad Boy" is too well known to need describing, and it is also well known that there is not an unwholesome line in it. It has many complications which might be described as "screams," and they are all most plausible, even if they are laughable. The man who cannot laugh, says Carlisle, "is not only fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils, but his whole life is already a treason and a stratagem."

Died in Washington, N. C.

News reached the city last night of the death yesterday of Mr. Samuel M. Blount, son of Dr. W. A. Blount, of Washington, N. C. He has many friends and relatives in Wilmington, who will receive this announcement with very great sorrow. Mr. Blount was a lawyer and practiced his profession in Baltimore, Md. He went home several weeks ago on account of his poor health and died while there. He was a young man of fine talent and his untimely death is greatly deplored.

New Year by Western Union.

From the Observatory at Washington the Western Union Telegraph Company last night sent out time signals throughout the entire country, at 11:55 to 12:00 midnight; 12:55 to 1:00 A. M.; 1:55 to 2:00 A. M; 2:55 to 3:00 A. M. (Eastern time), for exact midnight signal to Eastern, Central, Rocky Mountain and Pacific region time, marking the beginning of the new year throughout the country.

Wall Street Journal.

Mr. Geo. Otis, travelling representative of the *Wall Street Jonrnal*, New York, was in the city yesterday morning returning from the Bankers' Convention in New Orleans. He made a number of business calls upon the local bankers and left in the afternoon for Newbern. He expressed himself as much impressed with Wilmington and its possibilities for development.

Orion Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Orion Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., last night elected officers as follows: Noble Grand, J. H. Swinson; Vice Grand, A. T. Parker; Recording Secretary, L. Tate Bowden; Financial Secretary, J. E. Silva; Treasurer, H. O. Craig. These, with the appointive officers, will be installed at the next regular meeting.

I have sold my studio, and will not make any sittings here after January 3rd. Will be open New Year's day, Paul M. Taylor.

LIQUOR APPLICANTS.

County Commissioners Worked "Over Time" in Examining Applications Yesterday.

CONTENTION POR LEGALITY.

Citizens Employed Eminent Counsel to Urge That Law be Reasonably Complied With and Gave Some Dealers Trouble.

The special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of passing upon application, for liquor license for the six months beginning to-day, continued yesterday afternoon from 3:30 o'clock until after 6 in the evening.

Those present at the meeting were Chairman D. McEachern and Messrs. Gabriel Holmes and H. L. Vollers. It was expected that as a result of a discussion at the meeting of the Ministerial Union Monday, a fight would be made against the issuance of the 61 licenses previously granted by the Board of Aldermen, but the contest was of a very mild form. It was sufficient, however, to cause a commotion among the dealers, who feared that any hold-up of their applications upon technical grounds would interfere with the resumption of business this morning. Technical objections however, were not raised and after exercising their accustomed diligence to see that all the applications were in proper form, corrections having been made in those out of order, the Board made arrangements according to law so that all saloons will be open and doing business as usual to-day.

Chairman McEachern, upon calling the meeting to order, stated its object and said Mr. George Rountree was present and desired to be heard in reference to the applications. Mr. Rountree, without calling names, said that he had been employed by certain citizens—and representative ones, too—who believed that the law had been heretofore flagrantly violated in passing applications that were not in proper shape according to the law, sections of which he read and interpreted. He said neither he nor his clients were anti-whiskey fanatics and were not complaining of the law, but asked that it be reasonably strictly enforced. "You can never have a prosperous, happy, highly civilized community," said Mr. Rountree, "without there is profound respect for the law and in this particular, as in all others, the law should be observed." Mr. Rountree said that he was not falling back on mere technicalities and was not present against the legitimate liquor interest; that in this instance his clients did not desire to create undue trouble for the liquor men, but he desired to call attention to what appeared to be a growing disregard for the law. He said that according to his construction of the law, both old and new applicants for license should advertise their purpose of applying for 30 days, and explained why that restriction had been placed on the traffic by the Legislature. He also called attention to a seeming laxity on the part of magistrates in qualifying endorsees upon the applications and explained that the signers must be freeholders, residents and taxpayers in the township in which the applicant proposes to do business, and that the signer can legally affix his endorsement to only one application.

Chairman McEachern outlined the policy of the Board in the past in the matter of applications, and Mr. Rountree said that the policy thus outlined was the correct one.

The applications were then taken up and examined separately and carefully, the eligibility of each endorsee having been inquired into. Nearly half the batch which came over from the city were found defective. Some endorsers were not freeholders; others were freeholders but not residents of the township and vice versa; some had signed twice and others were disqualified for various reasons. In each instance the defective applications were remanded to the applicants and remedied before the meeting was over. Six or eight that were not remedied before the meeting was over were referred back to the applicants and the Chairman was authorized by resolution to pass them when they came in proper form.

The following applications having been found in due form were granted: Geo. H. Heyer, W. Van Hardin, F. P. Lamb, W. H. Lamb, J. Edward Ennett, J. H. Aman, M. H. Kelly, W. A. Vollers, Steljes & Co., Sternberger Bros., J. L. Croom, agent, LaFayette Southerland, Geo. Schnibben, Martin Schnibben, H. F. Haar, N. B. Rankin, J. W. H. Fuchs, John G. Kuhlken, C. P. B. Mahler, M. O'Brien, Jurgen Haar, G. W. Linder & Co., J. B. J. Sandlin, H. J. Bennett, B. Bellois, Sol. Bear & Co., Home Brewing Co., T. J. Gore, E. P. H. Strunck, M. F. Croom & Co., Gieschen Bros., H. T. Duls, J. D. Dennis & Co., Capps & Co., J. P. Chapman, D. N. Chadwick, Robt. Portner Brewing Co., J. H. Brunjes, Jno. C. Boesch, R. G. Litgen, E. W. Pace & Co., E. N. Edens, Harnett township; W. H. Stokley, Harnett township; F. W. Ortmann, Geo. R. Bate, agent; Calvin D. Gore, D. L. T. Capps, W. C. Boesch, Jno. M. Meyland, I. B. Rhodes, B. H. J. Ahrens, J. S. Westbrook, E. A. Kerr, R. W. Wallace, George Haar, Jno. H. Kuck.

The following were laid over and the chairman was authorized to approve same when presented in proper form: Elijah Walton, Frank B. Brown, Jno. H. Woebse & Bro., Jno. H. Woebse and E. A. Todd.

The only other action by the Board yesterday afternoon was the adoption of a motion by Mr. Holmes to the effect that the assessment of the Wilmington Sewerage Company be reduced from $50,025 to $35,025, the reduction being made on account of the incomplete condition of the system at the time the assessment was made.

LOCAL SHIPPING INCREASING.

Annual Report of Harbor Master Shows Decided Gains During the Year Just Ended—Progress.

The annual report of Capt. Edgar D. Williams, harbor master at the port of Wilmington, was compiled yesterday and shows that the past year's shipping was a record breaker, both in American and foreign vessels that arrived.

The grand total of vessels was 336, with an aggregate tonnage of 311,461. In 1901 there were 234 American vessels and 73 foreign vessels. Total American and foreign, 307 vessels; tonnage, 274,988. The report is very gratifying, and is a good indication of the development of Wilmington into one of the great shipping ports of the South Atlantic coast.

The detailed report of arrivals of vessels of 90 tons and over for the year ended last night is as follows:

American—Steamships 114, tons 139,795; 2 barques, 1,154 tons; 1 brig, 294 tons; 11 barges, 19,575 tons; 123 schooners, 50,378 tons. Total, 250 vessels, 210,902 tons.

Foreign—Steamships, 50; tons, 85,503; 18 barques, 10,928 tons; 1 brig, 195 tons; 17 schooners, 3,932 tons. Total, 86 vessels, 100,559 tons.

Total American and foreign vessels, 336; tonnage, 311,461.

The report for the month of December, 1901, shows arrivals of 28 vessels with a net tonnage of 25,511, divided as follows:

American—Steamships 9, tonnage, 11,511; schooners 6, tonnage 1,569. Total vessels 15. Total tonnage 17,080.

Foreign—Steamships 6, tonnage 9,480; barques 2, tonnage 1,999; schooners 5, tonnage 852. Total vessels 13. Total tonnage 11,231.

MILLIONS MADE BY MURPHY & CO.

Sale by Brokerage Firm, Originated in Atlanta—Rise Almost Meteoric.

There is local interest in the announcement from Atlanta that Murphy & Co., the brokers and dealers in futures, who have offices here and in various cities all the way from Washington to New Orleans, have sold their entire business to A. B. Baxter & Co., of New York and Pittsburg, and that the purchasers will take charge Jan. 1. The property sold consists in leased wires and about sixty brokerage offices throughout the South. Murphy & Co. will engage in other business, after having made millions out of the business just disposed of. The deal is said to have been one of the largest and most important financial transactions which has ever occurred in the South, and one which involves the expenditure of an immense sum of money—far over a million dollars.

Seventy-five per cent of the stock in the company was owned by three Atlanta men—Joseph Gatins, James R. McKeldin and John E. Murphy—each of whom, from a modest beginning, has made millions. The company was an Atlanta firm, doing business on Atlanta capital.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Dr. W. H. Whitehead, of Rocky Mount, was here yesterday.

— Mr. John Jay Blair returned from High Point yesterday morning.

— Mr. Alex Greenabaum returned to Pittsburg, Pa., yesterday afternoon.

-- Sheriff Peter Rourk, of Brunswick, is visiting his brother Mr. W. A. Rourk.

— Capt. and Mrs. Warren Lee Jones left yesterday to visit friends in Kenansville, N. C.

— Mr. Milton McIntosh, editor of the Pender *Chronicle*, was here yesterday.

— Mr. Willie Strauss returned to Pennsylvania yesterday, after having spent the holidays here.

— Miss Lillian Spaight and Mrs. Wade and little son, George, who have been the charming guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rice for the past week will return this morning to their homes in Norfolk.

— Miss Grace Sale returned to her home in Lynchburg, Va., yesterday. She came to be with her brother Mr. W. G. Sale, who is now rapidly convalescing from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

— Dr. John Godfrey, surgeon in charge of the Marine Hospital here, is on a three months' leave of absence which he is spending with his daughter in Detroit, Mich. Dr. Foster is here in Dr. Godfrey's absence.

— Mr. J. Edgar Lewis has returned to the city to take the position of foreman of the news composing rooms of the *Evening Dispatch*. He has been for several months city editor of the *New Era*, an enterprising paper of New Rochelle, N. Y.

Splendid Railroad Calendar.

The passenger department of the Atlantic Coast Line has issued a very useful and well arranged calendar for 1903. The calendars are printed on blue tinted paper, and on one of the leaves is an excellent map of the "Greater Coast Line," perhaps the best and most accurate yet published. The calendars will be generally appreciated by business men and all others who are favored with a copy.

Cape Fear Lodge, Odd Fellows.

Cape Fear Lodge of Odd Fellows has elected offices for the ensuing term as follows: Past Grand, P. Heinsberger, Jr.; Noble Grand, James S. Williams; Vice Grand, W. W. Hodges; Secretary, James T. Riley; Treasurer, Wm. Goodman.

PRETTY WEDDING AT MT. OLIVE.

Miss Estelle Westbrook and Mr. DuBrutz English Married Yesterday.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

MT. OLIVE, N. C., Dec. 31.—The marriage of Miss Estelle Westbrook and Mr. Du Brutz English was celebrated at one o'clock this afternoon at "Maplehurst," the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. A. Westbrook. The ceremny was performed by Dr. F. D. Swinell in the presence of many relatives and friends of the happy couple. While the friends were gathering in the tastefully decorated parlor, several selections were played, by Miss Lottie Edith Utley, of Apex, N. C., a cousin of the bride. As the notes of Kadeder's Wedding March were sounded, the groom on the arm of Mr. Earnest Flowers entered the parlor, taking his place at the right of the decorated altar, before the officiating minister. The maid of honor, Miss Virginia Waite Westbrook, a cousin of the bride, followed, taking her place at the left of the altar, and the bride came leaning upon the arm of her father, who gave her to the groom at the altar.

While the beautiful words of the marriage service were being pronounced Schubert's "Standalern" was very impressively played. The bride was prettily attired in white silk mulle and carried brides' roses, the maid of honor being gowned in crepe de chine and carried La France roses. The bridal presents were profuse in numbers and superb in beauty.

After the ceremony a very delightful lunch was served to the bridal party and numerous friends. Those present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ruark, of Wilmington; Miss Minnie Best, of Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Westbrook, Miss Virginia Westbrook, Miss Chearlie Ruth Westbrook, Messrs. N. F. Murphy, A. L. MacGowan, J. H. Westbrook, Binnford Sloan, J. S. Westbrook, Jr., of Wallace; Mrs. and Mrs. R. A. Moore, Mr. Lonnie Moore, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Faison, of Faison; Mr. J. M. Bowden, of Wananish, and Miss Lottie Edith Utley, of Apex.

The entire bridal party left on the Coast Line train for Wallace to be present at the marriage of the maid of honor, Miss Virginia Westbrook, and Mr. Binford Sloan on the following day at noon.

PRETTY MARRIAGE AT TOMAHAWK.

Miss Charlotte Pearl Murphy to Mr. Robert Herring Wright, of Baltimore.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

TOMAHAWK, N. C., Dec. 31.—At the elegant home of Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Murphy, at noon to-day their daughter, Miss Charlotte Pearl, was married to Mr. Robert Herring Wright, Rev. R. M. Mann officiating. The attendants were Miss Florence Alderman Murphy, sister of the bride, maid of honor; Dr. John B. Wright, of Granite Falls, brother of the groom, best man; Miss Penelope Bryan Wright, of Lenoir, and Dr. W. B. Murphy, Jr., of Richmond, Va., bridesmaid and groomsman.

The near relatives and a few friends of both parties were present. Those from a distance were Misses Florence Alderman, Em West, Eva and Sallie Murphy and Messrs. Wright and Paul Murphy, of Wilmington; Mrs. A. E. Murphy, of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Murphy, of Greensboro; Messrs. Ferd B. Johnson, John Lamb and Thos. L. Wright, Esq., of Clinton, Miss Eliza Murphy, of Kinston; Messrs. Robert Herring, of Missisippi and Isaac Wright, of Chapel Hill. The wedding march was beautifully rendered by Miss Mary Wright, of Coharie, sister of the groom. A delicious luncheon was served from 1 to 3 o'clock, after which the bride and groom left on the evening train for Baltimore, their future home.

The bride is one of the most popular and accomplished young ladies in this section of the State; the groom is an eminently worthy young North Carolinian and well known in his profession. He now occupies the chair of History in the Baltimore City College.

The presents were numerous and handsome, attesting the high esteem in which the happy couple are held by their host of friends.

I will make sittings until Saturday, January 3rd. Will be open New Year's day. Paul M. Taylor. †

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THURSDAY MORNING JANUARY 1.

HOW IT MANIPULATES THE MARKET.

The defenders of a high protective tariff declare that it has nothing to do with trusts, is in no way responsible for them, and therefore however desirable it may be to curb the trusts it can't be done by reducing or repealing the tariff on trust-controlled articles. That's the answer they make to the demand for a reduction, or repeal of the tariff duties on such manufactures as are shipped from this country and sold at a lower price than the American consumer has to pay for the same article.

They say again that even if this were to affect the trusts it would hurt the smaller manufacturers more than it would the trusts because it would bring them up against foreign competition and they could not stand that as well as the strong trusts can and therefore the result would be that while the smaller concerns would go to the wall the trusts would hold their own.

The Steel Trust is one of the mogul trusts of this country and one against which the most general complaint is made. When it is suggested that the tariff on steel be reduced to invite competition and break the monopoly which this Trust has the reply is that this would hurt the smaller steel concerns more than it would the Trust, ignoring the fact that these smaller concerns are practically in the power of the Trust, and that they suffer more from it than they possibly could from foreign competition. How this is is shown by the Pittsburg correspondent of the New York *Journal of Commerce*, on whose letter the editor comments as follows:

> In his very interesting and suggestive review of the iron and steel trade during the year, published in our news columns on Monday last, our Pittsburg correspondent remarked that the United States Steel Trust had followed the policy of keeping prices of steel as high as possible in order to embarrass small competitors who have to buy their steel in the open market and who compete for trade in finished articles. In the early part of the year Bessemer steel was so scarce that small consumers paid as high as $36 and over a ton for billets. The power of the Trust over the steel market is thus by no means indicated by its percentage of the total steel trade of the country. In the first place, the Bessemer ore properties are controlled to a much larger extent by the Trust than its percentage of the finished product would show, and, in the next, the amount of capital required to equip a Bessemer steel plant is a sufficient deterent for any but large concerns to enter the field of competition. It is an instructive fact that while steel billets were quoted here at $35 per ton they were selling in England for $25.

What rot to talk about hurting the smaller concerns by giving them a chance to buy in the open market of the world when they are compelled by the practically prohibitive tariff to buy their steel billets from the protected Trust and pay whatever price it sees fit to put upon them. Of course they cannot pay Trust prices for billets and compete with the Trust either in foreign or home markets, so that the Trust virtually controls their business. If they had the opportunity to import billets they might compete with the Trust and force it to come down in its prices, and the country would get the benefit of that, so that the reduction of the tariff would instead of injuring the smaller concerns benefit them, by enabling them to manufacture and sell at lower prices and benefit American consumers generally. The correspondent also shows how the Trust manipulates the steel evil business, upon which the *Journal* thus comments:

> A similar remark applies to the price of steel rails, which has been maintained throughout the year at $28 per ton. On this there is a clear profit for the Trust of at least $10, and it is the testimony of our correspondent that for the companies comprising the United States Steel Corporation there is a larger revenue from rails than from any other items of their manufacture.
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> From April, 1897, to July, 1898, the average price of steel rails in this market was $18 per ton; thereafter it dropped to $17, recovering somewhat in October, but reaching $18.20, only in January, 1899. Thereafter the price was steadily upward, and for the first half of 1900 the quotation was $35 per ton. As this extreme price was simultaneous with a range of quotations almost as high in Europe it cannot be assumed that the free admission of steel rails would have prevented fluctuations so violent. But it is perfectly obvious that the present purely artificial price could not be maintained save for the protection of the heavy import duty. The tax falls in the long run on the consumer of the products carried by rail, as all such taxes must do, but it takes the consumer some time to discover the part which such an imposition plays in the general advance of prices.

It has been asserted by men who have had experience in the business that steel rails can be made and sold at $14 a ton and then give a fair profit, but it is certain that they give a fair profit at the prices that ranged before the Trust ran the price up from $18.50 to $28 a ton. That there is an enormous profit in steel manufactures is evident from the dividends paid by the Trust on its immense capitalization. When one concern makes a clear profit of $140,000,000 a year somebody must be fleeced.

But why should the high duties be continued on steel manufactures when Chas. M. Schwab, when a witness before court in a case in which the Trust was defendant, declared that the business of the Trust was so large and so profitable that it would not be hurt if the tariff duties on steel were repealed? He ought to be a pretty good authority on that subject. The steel business in this country has been, under tariff protection, a bonanza to those who controlled it—from Andrew Carnegie, with his fortune of $300,000,000, made within twenty years, and his annual income of $15,000,000, to H. C. Frick, Chas. M. Schwab and others, with their millions. They have all become millionaires out of the tribute levied upon the American people—not to protect a struggling "infant industry," but to fill the maw of a greedy, robust giant. They can't plead the infant dodge nor anything else as a palliation of a justification for this monstrous robbery to put more dollars in the coffers of men who have become immensely wealthy by this tariff favoritism.

FIGHTING THE TRUST.

The tobacco-growers of Kentucky are organizing to fight the Trust, the scheme being for the organization to become incorporated, raise $1,000,000 capital, and buy the leaf from the growers, thus coming between them and the Trust. Organizations are being formed in every tobacco-growing county in the State and in the counties of Ohio and Indiana, where the Burleigh or white leaf tobacco is grown.

This is following in the line of the North Carolina tobacco-growers, who are organizing for the double purpose of protecting themselves from the Trust and checking overproduction, which keeps prices down, Trust or no Trust. The surest and the easiest way to fight the Trust is to keep the supply of tobacco down, make the Trust hunt the tobacco instead of the tobacco hunting it, and force it to offer prices that would induce the tobacco to come.

With the North Carolina tobacco-growers organized, and Kentucky organized it wouldn't be difficult to reach the growers of Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina, and then the matter of organization would be pretty well in hand and the crop to be in a fair way to be controlled; for the bulk of the crop of this country comes from North Carolina, Kentucky and Virginia.

While speaking of fighting the Trust why not go about it systematically, organize and establish factories for the manufacture of tobacco, factories on the co-operative plan? There is no mystery in the manufacture of tobacco, either chewing or smoking, and the men who establish these factories would have no trouble in securing such labor as is necessary, with all the skill that is needed. It does not require a large amount of money to put up and equip a factory which would give employment to a hundred hands or more and consume most of the tobacco grown in the vicinity of the towns where the factories are located. This would contribute to make not only a permanent market, but would give employment to much labor and put more money in circulation in the towns. With factories established in the tobacco towns there would be local competitors of the Trust and the tobacco growers interested in the factories would not only find ready market at a fair price for their leaf, but would reap the profit also on the manufactured tobacco, thus getting all the profit there is in the business from beginning to end. It was the establishment of factories which made Winston the great tobacco center and hustling town it is.

WAR SHIPS NOT THE ONLY PROTECTION.

Every maritime nation ought to have a respectable navy, when other nations have, because it becomes a matter of necessity to be in a position to defend themselves against other nations with which they may have disputes that lead to war. England, for instance, needs a strong navy as a bulwark against invasion, and also to protect her colonies in case of war with other nations. As one of the European nations increases its navy it forces others which are liable to come into conflict with it to strengthen their navies, and thus the navies grow more from a sense of fear than from actual necessity. There is some reason for that among these nations which are exposed to attack by their neighbors, or rivals.

But this country is not in that class. As our policy is one of peace while peace can be honorably preserved our dependence is not on our warships, although we ought to have enough of them to command respect and do good service in case of need, but we have no use for even such a navy as Great Britain has. Our first protection is the three thousand miles of ocean between our and European shores. These are days of steam war ships. European war ships could not not carry their coal stations with them and would soon find themselves coalless and useless on this side.

There is no European nation which would willingly go to war with this country upon which they are so largely dependent for their supplies of food stuffs. A sensible man does not invite a quarrel with his grocer, butcher and baker, especially if he is the only grocer, butcher and baker.

While the leading nations of Europe buy a good deal from us that is necessary for them, they also sell us a good deal that we could do without, and war with such a customer would hurt both ways. And then again if they should not be governed by such prudential considerations they would be exposing their ocean commerce to hampering and destruction, for in the event of war with any of them the oceans would soon be alive with American vessels to prey upon their merchantmen, and destroy their commerce. Some of them have had some experince on this line. There is none of these European powers that wants any scrap with this country whether we have a mighty navy or not, for they would have nothing to gain, but much to lose by it.

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We read from time to time of the fool practical joker, whom the fool killer missed, getting in his work. The latest is reported from New York where several firemen put up a joke on one of their companions, a good and brave firemen, who got on a Christmas spree, and painted things red for a couple of days. They told him he would be discharged, and he became so despondent that he ended his despondency by taking a big dose of carbolic acid and killing himself, leaving a large family which was dependent upon him. There is unfortunately no way to punish fool jokers of that kind and they can't be sent to insane asylums.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— Senator Beveridge has been mentioned for the Presidential nomination in 1908. But why not for that in 1904? It is just as easy to be mentioned for one year as another.—*Louisville Courier Journal, Dem.*

—— The Springfield *Republican* suggests the sending of educated negroes from the South to teach in the Philippines. The negro race in the South has not yet reached the standard of education where it can furnish teachers to others. Those of the race who are sufficiently educated find a demand for their services in the colored schools in their home States.—*Jacksonville Times-Union, Dem.*

—— American army officers returning from the Phillippines state that it will be necessary to place the principal provinces of the island under military rule once more. We may as well look the Phillippine problem squarely in the face one time as another—it is merely another Indian problem, but with a vastly superior and more formidable people to deal with, and that, too, under less favorable conditions.—*Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

—— Just before the holiday adjournment of Congress Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill "for free trade in coal between the United States and Canada." Canada coal can be carried to Boston by vessel and sold, after paying the duty, for less money, and at a profit, than is demanded in ordinary times for the domestic article. What is wanted is relief for the whole people, as proposed by the House bill introduced by Mr. Hill, of Connecticut, to suspend the tariff on coal until June 30th, 1903, and let it come in from whatever quarter it may.—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS

— She—Is he a college man? He—Gracious, no! His handwriting is perfectly legible.—*Harvard Lampoon.*

— "How many are there in your family?" "Seven, altogether, but we're scattered all over the United States."—*Baltimore American.*

— "Is Jinks successful as a chauffeur?" "Well, I should say so. Why, he's been arrested eight times in the last two weeks."—*Chicago Post.*

— Beryl—Mrs. Streng, the widow, is looking for another husband. Sibyl—Oh, she's always looking out for No. 1. "I know; but now she's looking out for No. 2."—*Baltimore Herald.*

— Neighbor—Jane. How's Mrs. Black this morning? Jane—Sure, soor, she's that bad she had to be taken to the hospital in an avalanche.—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Sympathetic Caller—What class are you in at school, Bobby? Young Hopeful—I used to be in the A grammar, but since I had the hives I've been put back into the B class.—*Ohio State Journal.*

— "How's your rheumatiz?" asked the neighbor. "Rheumatiz is doin' fine," answered the village invalid. "I'm the feller that's gettin' the worst of it."—*Washington Star.*

— Hix—I noticed your wife sitting by the window sewing this morning. I thought you told me yesterday she was ill. Dix—So she was; but to-day she's on the mend.—*Chicago Daily News.*

— "Can you tell me the nearest way to reach Buffalo Street?" "C-c-c-certainly. It's j-j just up th-th-this s-s-s—say, I can, I can go with you and show you quicker than I can say it.—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— "Does your wife insist on having the last word?" said one Babylonian. "Yes," answered the other, "and that isn't the worst of it. She insists on writing her arguments on a brick and throwing them at me."—*Washington Star.*

— "Mamma," said Reginald, "we had history to day, and the teacher said we should study the Greeks." "Then do so, my son," encouraged mamma. "Wel, mamma, the nearest Greeks keep a candy stall, and if you'll give me a dime I'll go around and study them."—*New York Sun.*

DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY FOR THE BLOOD, LIVER, LUNGS.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: John Ashley was before Mayor McMillan on three charges Tuesday. For being drunk and disorderly, he was sent to the county roads for 30 days; for cutting the throat of a negro woman named Macie McGill, not fatally, however, he was bound over to court; for cutting, probably fatally, a negro at Hope Mills recently, he was held to await the result of the injuries inflicted.

— Monroe *Journal*: Mr. T. J. Shannon has received from West Virginia a car load of Aberdeen Angus and Hereford cattle. Both these breeds are very large and are grown especially for beef. The angus is coal black and of huge frame. He has thirteen of these, all of which are without horns and exactly alike, without a light spot on them. The Hereford is of red color, varying with occasional white stripes. Mr. Shannon will breed these two varieties.

— Wilson *News*: Dr. I. W. Sutton, of Arkansas, who was murderously assaulted and robbed on the streets of this city at an early hour Tuesday morning last, died in Calypso, near Goldsboro, last Friday night from the result of his injuries. The deceased arrived in Wilson last Monday night on the late train, all trains being late that night on account of the extra holiday traffic, and it is presumed that it was about 12:30 o'clock when it arrived here. As yet there is no clew as to the identity or whereabouts of the perpetrators of this most horrible and dastardly crime, they having very successfully eluded the watchful eyes of the officers of the law.

— Kinston *Free Press*: While a crowd of young colored boys were out gunning Monday, Ed Dixon, a small hunchback darkey who peddles fish for Mr. G. D. Wade, at LaRoque's corner, shot Scipio Locks, another diminutive specimen of the colored race, in what Dixon claims to have been a peculiarly accidental way. Dixon claims that he was removing the shell from his gun when it went off, the whole load entering Locks' left shoulder and producing a dangerous if not fatal wound. The other boys that were along tell a different tale—that Locks had enraged Dixon by slurringly calling him a hunchback, and that he shot Locks purposely. However, Locks' wound developed so dangerously last night that the attending physician advised the arrest and holding of Dixon to await future results, which was done by Policeman Brinson Tuesday morning, and Dixon is now in jail.

— Newbern *Journal*: Mr. S. B. Holland, a well known and highly respected resident of Cedar Point, was the victim of a vicious attack by his son, L. C. Holland, who was intoxicated, Christmas night. Mr. Holland was sitting in his home reading near the midnight hour when the young man came into the house and attempted to put a chair in the fireplace. The father remonstrated with him for that and pulled the chair out of the fire, whereupon the son grabbed it and struck his father with it and knocked him down. He then jumped on his prostrate father and cut him severely with a pocket-knife on the head, body and hand. Mr. Holland bled profusely and it was feared at one time that his wounds would prove fatal through the loss of blood, but he rallied and at present he is doing as well as can be expected. The son is a peaceable man when sober and has never been known to be opposed to his father for any reason but once before, when drunk, it is said he threatened his father with a gun. He is under bond for assault with a deadly weapon.

— Lumberton *Robesonian*: Phillip Barton, a Croatan, about 21 years of age, was killed Thursday, about sunset, in Smith's township, a few miles from Red Springs, and John Hall as principal with Pink Woods, Ned Chavis and Enoch Chavis as accessories, are locked in jail charged with the crime. Hall had been charged with stealing and selling a dog belonging to Nep Barton, an uncle of the deceased, and with his half brother, Pink Woods, and Peck Locklear, went to Barton's house to settle the matter. Barton was not at home. He went later and found both Nep and Ruel Barton at home. He charged Nep with lying and presented his shot gun, of which he was speedily disarmed. He then departed, swearing vengeance, and returned in a short while with Pink Wood, Ned Chavis, Enoch Chavis, Peck Locklear and Utley Locklear. Ruel Barton saw them coming and went out to meet them, armed with a shot gun. Woods and Hall rushed on him and Hall succeeded in securing the gun, which he immediately fired and Phillip Barton, who it is said was standing near by taking no part in the fracas fell, mortally wounded, and died a few minutes later.

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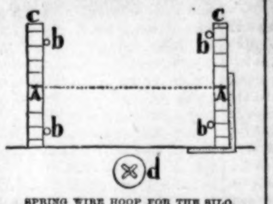
An Ohio Farmer correspondent illustrates a way of making wire hoops for silos out of spring wire that he has found by experience works perfectly:

To determine the length of the hoop do not take a tapeline and measure around the silo, but first count the number of staves. For example, 100 staves 2 by 4, worked to a size of 3¾ inches; 100 staves times 3¾ equal 31 feet 3 inches. That would be the size of the silo with the staves drawn tightly together and also the length of the hoop when drawn tightly together and under full pressure.

Now, to make a hoop I first draw a chalk line along a level space of ground as shown in the cut at the bottom; next take a piece of 4 by 4 scantling the width of the hoop desired to be made, and space it off as shown on the scantling, C, in the cut; next place the steel square on as shown in the cut and be particular to get the scantling at right angles with the chalk line; next drive stakes (b, b). Take a tapeline and measure from A to A. In using No. 9 spring wire I have found that placing my two scantlings (C, C) one foot less in length than the actual size of the staves around the silo gives all the pressure that the threads on three three-quarter inch bolts will stand. In putting the wire on to the scantling (C, C) place the roll of wire at d, take the end and commence in the middle of the clamp at A and let two men take hold and pull the wire over the second clamp at A, pulling as much as they can comfortably, while the third man staples it down. Proceed in like manner with each wire you wish to put on, being careful to draw each wire alike. In a hoop made in this manner, when put on to the silo and clamped up, every wire will draw alike. I am convinced that the spring wire hoop is "the thing" to hoop the silo with, as it will give when the silo swells and will take up the slack when the silo is empty in summer.



SPRING WIRE HOOP FOR THE SILO.

Foul Brood.

Mr. R. L. Taylor said at the beekeepers' convention, as reported by The Bee Journal, that he had cured many diseased colonies of foul brood by shaking the bees off from their combs and giving them a new hive and foundation filled frames. However, when the disease is in the advanced stage and could be told by the odor when entering the apiary, he thought burning was the safest and best. When he first had foul brood in his yard, he said one of the affected colonies cast a swarm which he hived on foundation and it remained healthy. This showed him the way. He had found that foul brood did not spread as rapidly as we are led to believe, but advised to exercise great care to prevent the spreading of the disease by bees robbing. The work of shaking off the bees should be done rapidly. It would not do to treat diseased colonies when bees were flying. Diseased bees should also be prevented from entering adjoining hives. Early in the morning, he thought, was a good time, before the bees got to flying. He cautioned not to leave any honey lying around anywhere. With care the disease could be cured. One need not get into a frenzy because his bees have the disease.

Peas New Jersey Truckers Grow.

The first seeds sown in the open with us (Monmouth county, N. J.) are usually early peas, of the round, hard, Daniel O'Rourke type. A few growers pin their faith on Carter's First Crop and find it satisfactory in heavy soils. For second early, or Fourth of July, peas McLean's Advancer is generally relied on. They are sown about April 1 and often immediately followed by Little Gem or American Wonder where the soil is very rich. Nott's Excelsior is taking place wherever tried as the earliest and most productive sweet wrinkled pea, but is not yet generally adopted. Champion of England and Bliss Abundance are most frequently planted for the latest varieties. The latter is productive, but the quality is not high. Chemical fertilizers are not liked for early varieties. The general impression is that germination is injured. Finely rotted manure is the reliance, and best results are gained when thoroughly incorporated in the soil.—Cor. Rural New Yorker.

Transplanting Cabbage and Kale.

It is best to transplant the young plantlets of cabbage, kale and cauliflower twice, first from the seedbed to boxes or frames about the time the second set of true leaves appears, placing the plants twenty-four inches apart each way and transplanting again to the open ground in rows four to five feet apart, with plants two to four feet apart in the row. If the plants are started under cover, they should be hardened off by exposure to light and air during the warmer hours of several days preceding the final transplanting.—Bailey.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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Burgaw, Rocky Point, Jan. 3, 4.
Southport, Jan. 11, 12.
Shallotte, Concord, Jan. 13.
Town Creek, ——— Jan. 14.
Waccamaw, Shiloh, Jan. 17, 18.
Whiteville, Whiteville, Jan. 18, 19.
Magnolia, Providence, Jan. 24, 25.
Clinton, Clinton, Jan. 30
Kenansville, Friendship, Jan. 31, Feb. 1.
Bladen, Bethlehem, Feb. 7, 8.
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Feb. 9.
Carver's Creek, Council Station Feb. 10.
Onslow, Queen's Creek, Feb. 14, 15.
Jacksonville and Richlands, Half Moon, Feb. 21, 22.

District Stewards will please meet in the Ladies' Parlor, Grace church, Wilmington, Tuesday Dec. 30th, at 1 o'clock.

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Good Intensive Practice According to Connecticut Ideas.

Anything under 300 bushels of potatoes to an acre should be an unsatisfactory crop where good, intensive cultural methods are practiced, and this may be surpassed by fifty to seventy-five bushels in good seasons, says an American Cultivator correspondent. To make a full crop of potatoes there must be preparation and rotation of crops in order to counteract the effects of the rot, scab and striped beetles. There is no better way to get rid of these diseases than to turn the land over to grass and corn after the second year.

A good crop of clover after the potatoes will fertilize the land and make it ready for a crop of corn or wheat, which will come in to keep up the average profit of the land. The mechanical conditions of the soil obtained by this rotation helps greatly toward making the potato crop a large one. With rich soil obtained in this way and by good manuring and fine seed the beginning is favorable enough to warrant great expectations, but this may be partly counteracted by bad seasons. That is something that we cannot help, but we can get the crop in such condition that the injury will be somewhat limited. I have raised 300 bushels of potatoes to an acre when others have found their crop cut down to 200 and less by the weather and diseases. The whole difference has been in the start and the conditions of the soil and the seed.

When the clover is turned under with the plow, the roots of the clover will be equivalent to a good dressing with rich manure. The wheat which may follow will leave plenty of fertilizer in the soil for the crop of potatoes, and the early crop will hardly require any further fertilizing. The pulverization of the soil must be made thorough, for we cannot get the land into any too good condition for the potatoes.

The perfect cultivation of the soil early in the season enables the land to warm up so that the seed can be put in early, and early planting is always desirable. The potato will grow in a comparatively cold soil, and a low temperature will not kill it so quickly as some imagine. It is certainly worth the effort to get an early crop of potatoes, for the profits are almost sure to be larger than for the later crop.

NEW FRUIT.

Perfection Currant, Which Won the Barry Medal For Special Merit.

The cut, from American Agriculturist, shows the new Perfection currant, which obtained the Barry gold medal from the Western New York Horticultural society for a new fruit of special merit. Professor S. A. Beach of New York is credited with the following description of it:

"In form of bush, health and vigor of foliage the Perfection is intermediate between its parents Fay and White Grape. The fruit is borne along the old wood, much like that of the White Grape. On the average the size of cluster and size of berry both exceed that of the Fay and, so far as I know, equal that of any variety which has yet been disseminated. The fruit is usually uniformly large to the tip of the cluster. Its largest berries are fully equal to the largest of the Comet. While on the average its fruit is not quite so large as that of the Comet, its clusters average longer. The pulp is less seedy and considerably better in quality. The stem of the cluster is free from berries near its attachment to the plant, thus making it easy to pick. The color is a good red, somewhat lighter than the Fay. In flavor and quality I consider it distinctly better than Fay or Cherry. In fact, I do not know of any other large currant in cultivation that is its equal in this respect. It ripens about with Fay and Cherry."

THE PERFECTION CURRANT.

Fine Trees For the Hog Lot.

For a hog lot there is nothing like the mulberry tree, according to a writer in an exchange. Plant your lot full of the best trees you can find, choosing them both for form and fruit. Have a lot of the ever bearing among them, and when feed is scarce you have the very best for your hogs and poultry. They will bear bushels to the tree and will be growing in value every year as timber. The timber is equal to catalpa in value and grows as rapidly. It is fine for posts and shows beautiful graining in lumber.

Agricultural Notes.

The white mustard is a favorite variety for greens.

Ben Davis outnumbers old New England favorites in the recent orchard plantings of nearly every state. In Maine and Vermont the drift toward Ben Davis is especially pronounced, while even in Massachusetts it is rapidly gaining on Baldwin.

Onions should never be put in a soil that is foul or that has been too recently fertilized with barnyard manure unless the manure has been well rotted.

In a test at one of the stations it appeared that eggs laid by cabbage fed hens, although heavier and possessing a higher percentage of protein and fat, were inferior in flavor to those laid by hens which had a ration of clover.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—104 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 31 barrels tar, 47 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—59 bales cotton, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—219 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 72 barrels rosin, 85 barrels tar, 21 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—7 bales cotton, 26 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—44 bales cotton, 9 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—9 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 238 barrels rosin, 53 barrels tar, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Compton—11 bales cotton, 18 barrels tar, 11 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Black River—13 casks spirits turpentine. 230 barrels rosin.

Total—443 bales cotton, 23 casks spirits turpentine, 540 barrels rosin, 213 barrels tar, 95 barrels crude turpentine.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 31.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 53½c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.35 per barrel for strained and $1.40 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $1.75 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at 95c@$1.00; tar steady at $1 35; crude turpentine quiet at $1.00 @2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	23
Rosin	540
Tar	213
Crude turpentine	95

Receipts same day last year—23 casks spirits turpentine, 381 barrels rosin, 144 barrels tar, 38 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5⅜	cts. ℔ lb	
Good ordinary	7¼	"	"
Low middling	7⅞	"	"
Middling	8¼	"	"
Good middling	9 1-16	"	"

Same day last year, market firm at 7⅞c for middling.

Receipts—443 bales; same day last year, 794.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c sides, 10@11c.

EGGS—Firm at 21@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 12½@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 10@11c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Money on call—Market quoted firm at 9@12 per cent, closing offered at 9 per cent; time money easy—60 days and 90 days, 6 per cent.; six months 5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was heavy; actual business in bankers' bills at 487.50@486 55 for demand and 483.10@483.15 for sixty days. The posted rates were 484 and 487½. Commercial bills 482⅝@483⅜. Bar silver 48⅛. Mexican dollars 38½. Government bonds steady. State bonds—no report. Railroad bonds firm. U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 108½; U. S. funding 2's, registered, 108⅝; U. S. 3's, registered, 106⅝; do. coupon, 108 U. S. 4's, new registered, 135⅝; do. coupon, 135⅝; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 109½, do. coupon, 110½; U. S. 5's, registered, 103⅝; do. coupon. 103½; Southern Railway, 5's, 119. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 100. Chesapeake & Ohio 48⅛; Manhattan L 148⅞; New York Central 151; Reading 67⅜; do. 1st preferred 87; do. 2nd preferred 78; St. Paul 178½; do. pref'd, 193½; Southern Railway 34½; do. pref'd 92½; Amalgamated Copper 63½; People's Gas 103½; Sugar 128½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 59⅝; U. S. Leather 12⅝; do pref'd. 88⅞; Western Union 88½; U. S. Steel 36½; do. pref'd 85⅝; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 62⅝; do. preferred, 123. Standard Oil, 699@701.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 31.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 28¼ asked; do. preferred, bonds, 44½ bid; fours, 83½ bid.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Rosin firm. Spirits turpentine firm.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 31.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 31.—Spirits turpentine quoted firm at 53½c; receipts 1,266 casks; sales 565 casks; exports 61 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 2,536 barrels; sales 1,135 barrels; exports 2,331 barrels Quote; A, B, C, D, $1 45. E, $1 50; F, $1 55; G, $1 70; H, $2 00; I, $2 35; K $2 85; M, $3 35; N, $3 55. W G, $3 80: W W, $4 20.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, December 31.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of two and three points. For the day preceding holiday speculative operations were on a scale most satisfactory to the trading interests, with prices close up to the best point of the season and eighty points above the lowest on the present crop. January started out as the bull feature, increasing its advance to five points soon after the call. Its highest point was 8.71, or six points above the previous night. In March and May the feature was good buying for Wall street pool interests and by prominent Philadelphia people. There was also a good general demand early in the session on over-night orders by people who regard the present rather liberal port receipts as but temporary, expecting them to be followed by less oppressive arrivals in the near future. The English cables, while opening three to four points lower, later contributed considerable aid to the bulls by showing a partial recovery, yet it could hardly be said that the final advices from abroad displayed a hearty response to the bullish developments here during the session. Late offerings by room traders were so quickly absorbed by the market as to check aggressiveness along this line. From the South reports were quite bullish as to the spot situation, exporters were ready buyers of the staple and private English cables noted a general European covering movement as well as some expansion of speculative business. At one time during the afternoon prices lost several points under local realizing, but this was followed by returned buying except in the case of January which closed about four points under the top. The market closed officially very steady in tone with quotations from two to ten points net higher, late positions showing the greatest improvement. Total sales of futures were estimated at 450,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Cotton quiet at 8 90c; net receipts 836 bales; gross receipts 6,405 bales; stock 159,898 bales.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands 8.90c; middling gulf 9.15c; sales 3,200 bales.

Cotton futures closed very steady: January 8.67, February 8.56, March 8.61, April 8.59, May 8.60, June 8.59, July 8.58, August 8.41, September 8.08.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 55,191 bales; exports to Great Britain 11,006 bales; exports to France 4,427 bales; exports to the Continent 27,728 bales; stock 1,101,239 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 200,655 bales; exports to Great Britain 61,409 bales; exports to France 6,688 bales; exports to the Continent 76,730 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,901,128 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,573,619 bales; exports to France 409,835 bales; exports to the Continent 1,468,883 bales

Dec. 31.—Galveston, quiet at 8 5-16c, net receipts 8,946 bales; Norfolk, steady at 8⅜c, net receipts 3,831 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8⅝c, net receipts — bales; Boston, firm at 8.90c, net receipts 1,206 bales; Wilmington, quiet at 8¼, net receipts 443 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 9.15c, net receipts 27 bales; Savannah, firm at 8⅜c, net receipts 7,784 bales; New Orleans, firm at 8⅜c, net receipts 23 222 — bales; Mobile, firm at 8⅛c, net receipts 3,072 bales; Memphis, steady at 8 5-16c, net receipts 2,475 bales; Augusta, steady at 8 9-16c, net receipts 531 bales; Charleston, firm at 8⅛c, net receipts 362 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec 31.—Flour was dull but steady. Rye flour quoted steady. Wheat—Spot steady; No 2 red 79½c. Options—The big crop figures caused further liquidation in wheat today, except December, which belated shorts advanced sharply. The general market was dull and easy all day and closed ⅜c net lower: May closed 80½c; July closed 78⅛c. Corn—Spot easy; No. 2 59c. Options market also experienced heaviness under the influence of crop report figures, coupled with favorable weather conditions. Liquidation was a feature and the market closed ⅜@½c net lower; January closed 54½c; March closed 51⅜c; May closed 48⅜c; July closed —. Oats—Spot quiet; No. 2 38½c. Options were dull and weak with other markets. Rice firm. Molasses quiet. Lard nominal. Butter firm; extra creamery 28@28½c; State dairy 20@26 Cheese firm; new State full cream, small colored, fancy fall made 14c; small white, fall made, 14c. Pork easy. Tallow dull. Peanuts steady, fancy hand picked 4½@4¾c; other domestic 3@4¼c. Cabbages easy; domestic, per 100, white to red $2 00@4 50; Norfolk 75c@$1 00. Coffee quiet. Freights to Liverpool—cotton by steam 12. Eggs firm State and Pennsylvania average best 28c Potatoes easy, Long Island $2 00@2 25; South Jersey sweets $2 50@3 75; Jerseys $1 75@2 00. New York and Western per 180 lbs, $1 50@3 10. Sugar dull. Cotton seed oil very dull and practically unchanged; Prime crude here nominal, prime crude f. o. b. mills 30½@31; prime summer yellow 38½@39, off summer yellow 38c prime white 4[illegible]@42; prime winter yellow 42c prime meal $27 00@27 50, nominal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—[illegible] doing [illegible] the grain [illegible] provision pits on the Board of Trade to-day and prices had a downward tendency, May wheat closing [illegible] lower, May corn was ff ⅛@¼ [illegible] and oats were down ⅛@¼ [illegible] day provisions closed from 2½ to 5c. higher to 7½@10c. lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Cash quotations: Flour quiet and firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring 73@74c No. 3 spring 69 No. 2 red 72⅝@73⅝c Corn—No. 2 44c No. 2 yellow 44c Oats—No. 2 3[illegible]; No. 2 white —; No. 3 white 32½@34. Mess pork, per barrel, quoted $17 25. Lard, per 100 lbs, $10 00@10 02½. Short rib sides, loose, closed $8 37½@8 63½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 25@8 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $9 00@9 12½ Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 31.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 73¾, 73¾, 72⅝@72¾, 72⅝@72¾c; May 76⅜@76½, 76⅜@76½, 76⅛@76¼, 76⅛c; July 73¼@73⅜, 73⅜, 73¼@74⅛c. Corn—No. 2 December 44@44½, 44½, 43¾, 44c; January 44⅛@44⅜, 44⅜, 44, 44⅛c; May 43⅝@43⅞, 43⅞, 43, 43. Oats—No. 2 December, new, 32⅜, 32⅜, 31⅜, 31⅜c; May 33⅜@33⅝, 33⅞, 33⅜, 33⅜@33⅝c. Mess pork, per bbl—December $17 35, 17 50, 17 35, 17 50; May $16 30, 16 42½, 16 30, 16 37½. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $10 00, 10 07½, 10 00, 10 07½; January $9 90, 10 00, 9 90, 9 97½; May $9 50, 9 57½, 9 50, 9 52½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 45, 8 47½, 8 40, 8 42½; May $8 60, 8 67½, 8 60, 8 67½.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31.—Cotton: Spot quiet, prices two points higher; American middling fair 5.16d; good middling 4.80d; middling 4.64d; low middling 4.52d; good ordinary 4.40d; ordinary 4.28d. The sales of the day were 2,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 6,000 bales American. Receipts 23,000 bales, including 11,500 bales American.

Futures opened easier and closed fairly strong; American middling (g o c) January 4.67; January and February 4.60d; February and March 4.60d; March and April 4.60d; April and May 4.60@4.61d; May and June 4.61d; June and July 4.63; July and August 4.61d; August and September 4.55d.

The tenders for delivery at to-day's clearings were 6,000 bales new docket.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., January 1.

STEAMSHIPS.

Torgorm, (Br) 1,676 tons, [illegible], Alexander Sprunt & Son.
V[illegible], (B) 1,884 tons, Bennett, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Zeeburg, (Dutch) 1,958 tons, [illegible], Heide & Co.

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Chas C Lister, 267 tons, Moore, George Harriss, Son & Co.
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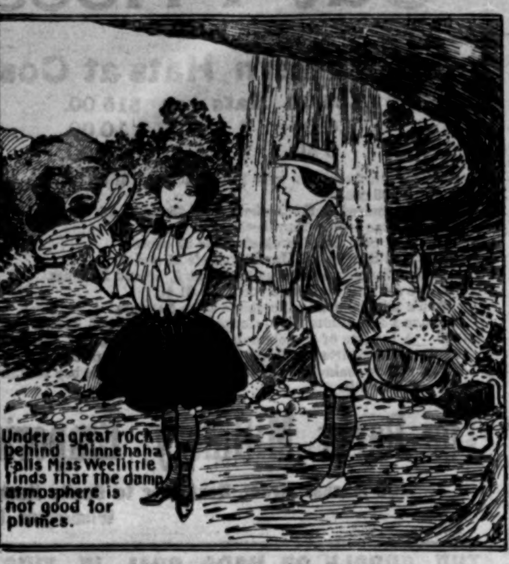
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AT NINE O'CLOCK

By James W. White

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It was Sir William Colville of Colville Manor who first discovered Signor Albano. Sir William prided himself on being the patron of struggling genius and so gave him the commission to perpetuate in marble the beauty of his only daughter, the Lady Margaret.

The sculptor was a man of twenty-eight, with a fair face and an aristocratic bearing. There could be no question that he was a real artist with the chisel. His enthusiasm promised a masterpiece. It was arranged that he should stay at the manor while his work was in progress.

It proved a lengthy task, but the sittings were anything but tiresome to the young lady. Signor Albano was both well traveled and well read, and, while he knew how to keep the moments from dragging, he yet preserved his attitude of deepest respect. Lady Margaret looked upon him with reverence as a genius. Perhaps his youth and good looks contributed somewhat to her enjoyment in the sittings, but this pride forbade her to acknowledge. The bust when finished was all that he had promised. If either of the two young people sighed that the long mornings in the studio would be no more, they gave no sign.

Three months afterward the father and daughter were passengers on a steamer for the orient. They had been out three days before they discovered that the sculptor was on board. He explained that through the death of a relative he had come into a fortune and had set out on a tour around the world. Sir William was rather chagrined to find his protege so far beyond the need of his help. While he congratulated him on his good fortune, therefore, his manner yet conveyed the fact that he did not consider that his change in prospects entitled him to treatment as an equal. The Lady Margaret was a most well brought up young woman, and she unhesitatingly followed her father's cue.

Two days later, as she sat alone on deck, Signor Albano approached her with the assurance of an old friend and entered into conversation. In vain her manner showed him that the old days of happy intercourse must be forgotten. The Italian was imperturbable. When she rose to go, he even dared to lay a hand upon her arm as he said:

"DID YOU NOT RECEIVE PAYMENT IN FULL FOR YOUR WORK?"

"Lady Margaret, I am here on this steamer today because I knew you were to sail on it. I am here to say something to you, and you cannot go until I have spoken."

The girl had snatched away her arm and faced him proudly as she drawled with slow insolence:

"Did you not receive payment in full for your work?"

A look of such poignant suffering crossed his mobile face that a flush of shame rose to her own cheeks.

His voice was full of reproach as he replied:

"Is it kind to taunt me with the fact that I had to sell my genius for shillings and pence? You were not so when you were my model. You were not only pleased with my work as an artist, but I fondly hoped that I had found favor in your eyes as a man."

Perhaps her heart responded to his words, but only pride of race showed in her voice as she answered hotly, "Sir, have you lost your senses?" and walked away like an injured queen.

Half an hour later the wrathy Sir William hunted up the sculptor and said:

"Should you speak to my daughter again while this voyage lasts I will appeal to the captain to have you locked up in your stateroom."

"Sir William," replied Signor Albano respectfully, but imploringly, "do not drive me to desperation."

But Sir William refused to listen.

For the next few days Lady Margaret often felt his sad, imploring eyes fixed upon her, but he did not again venture to approach her.

The fifth evening a note was delivered at her door. Almost immediately following Signor Albano made his appearance in the smoking room. He carried a revolver in his hand. His face was pale and his eyes blazing.

"Gentlemen," he said to the dozen loungers in the room, "I must trouble you to go out. In the next half hour I may receive a note. If I do, all will be well; if I do not, we will all go to the bottom together at exactly 9 o'clock."

There was a hurried scuttling of the smokers. The whole ship was soon in commotion, discussing plans for his capture. But he was armed and evidently mad and hence must be cajoled rather than forced.

At quarter to 9 he called to the whispering group outside the saloon door: "Gentlemen, we have fifteen minutes left. I warn every one not to hasten the calamity by tampering with my stateroom door. If you open that door, you will explode thirty pounds of dynamite at once."

There was something theatrical about it all, and yet the menace in the Italian's voice brought a shiver. The captain made a sign to the ship's carpenter, and they silently went below. Avoiding the fatal door, the carpenter feverishly began work on the room partition. It seemed hours before he had cut a hole large enough to allow his body to slip through. Just clear of the door was the signor's steamer trunk. Two wires ran from the door to the trunk, and from the interior came a noise like the ticking of a clock. When the wires had been cut, the captain said:

"Softly, now. Up with the cover. Ah! Here is the clockwork, and a handkerchief among the wheels does the business."

At the same moment the report of a revolver rang out. Up in the saloon the clock was pointing to 9. The mad lover had pressed the weapon to his temple, pulled the trigger and fallen back a corpse. The white faced passengers waited tremblingly for another report, but instead they heard a woman's cry. The Lady Margaret had fallen, fainting, in the doorway.

Was there dynamite in the trunk? Truly ninety pounds of it. But for the coolness of the captain 400 lives would have been sacrificed to the disappointment of a madman.

And did the Lady Margaret yield at the last moment? That is the secret locked in her own proud heart.

For Croup use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard

Baptism of Bells.

Bells were solemnly baptized like children, a custom which is still extant in the Roman church. This is probably not a primitive practice and cannot be traced further back than the reign of Charlemagne. It is first distinctly mentioned in the time of Pope John XIII. (968), when he gave his own name to the great bell of the Lateran church. Sleidan gives an account of the ceremonial to be observed: "First of all the bells must be so hung that the bishop may be able to walk round them. When he has chanted a few psalms in a low voice, he mingles water and salt and consecrates them, diligently sprinkling the bell with the mixture both inside and out. Then he wipes it clean and with holy oil describes on it the figure of the cross, praying the while that when the bell is swung up and sounded faith and charity may abound among men, all the snares of the devil—hail, lightning, winds, storms—may be rendered vain and all unseasonable weather be softened. After he has wiped off that cross of oil from the rim he forms seven other crosses on it, but only one of them within. The bell is censed, more psalms are sung and prayers are put up for its welfare. After this feasts and banquetings are celebrated just as at a wedding."—Gentleman's Magazine.

A Shattered Poem.

"Beautiful, beautiful silken hair!" Philip murmured fondly, toying lovingly with one of her nut brown tresses. "Soft as the plumage of an angel's wing, light as the thistledown that dances on the summer air, the shimmer of sunset, one glitter of yellow gold, the rich red brown of autumnal forests blending in entrancing beauty in its"—

And just then it came off in his hands, and he forgot what to say next.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once, and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles free. †

Piles! Piles! Piles!

Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared to cure Piles and DOES IT in short order. Easy to apply, every box guaranteed, 50c. and $1.00. All druggists or by mail. WILLIAMS M'F'G Co., Cleveland, Ohio. Sold by J. C. Sheppard, Jr. †

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Of any form of Fever who uses Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic even halfway right. It is 100 times better than quinine, and does in a day what slow quinine cannot do in ten days. Johnson's Tonic will drive out every trace and taint of Grip Poison from the blood. Write for Agency to A. B. Girardeau, Savannah, Ga. †

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Bone Pains, Itching, Scabby Skin Diseases.

Cancers, Blood Troubles, Pimples, Sores

Permanently cured by taking Botanic Blood Balm. It destroys the active Poison in the blood. If you have aches and pains in bones, back and joints, Itching Scabby Skin, Blood feels hot, swollen Glands, Risings and Bumps on the Skin, Mucus Patches in Mouth, Sore Throat, Pimples, Copper-Colored Spots, all run-down, Ulcers on any part of the body, Hair or Eyebrows falling out, take

Botanic Blood Balm, guaranteed

to cure even the worst and most deep-seated cases where doctors, patent medicines and hot springs fail. Heals all sores, stops all aches and pains, reduces all swellings, makes blood pure and rich, completely changing the entire body into a clean, healthy condition. B. B. B. has cured thousands after reaching the last stages of Blood Poison.

Old Rheumatism, Catarrh, Eczema, Itching Humors, Scrofula

are caused by an awful Poisoned condition of the Blood. B. B. B. stops Hawking and Spitting, Itching and Scratching; cures Rheumatism, Catarrh; heals all scabs, Scales, Eruptions, Watery Blisters, foul festering Sores; by giving a pure, healthy blood supply to affected parts.

Blood Balm Cures Cancers of All Kinds.

Suppurating Swellings, Eating Sores, Tumors, ugly Ulcers. It kills the Cancer Poison and heals the sores or worst cancer perfectly. If you have a persistent Pimple, Wart, Swellings, Shooting, Stinging Pains, take Blood Balm and they will disappear before they develop into Cancer.

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Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) is Pleasant and safe to take. Thoroughly tested for 30 years. Composed of Pure Botanic Ingredients. Strengthens weak kidneys and weak stomachs, cures dyspepsia. Complete directions go with each bottle. **Sample of B. B. B. and Pamphlet Sent Free** by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe your trouble, and special free medical advice, to suit your case, also sent in sealed letter.

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In all its stages.

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cleanses, soothes and heals the diseased membrane. It cures catarrh and drives away a cold in the head quickly.

ELY'S CREAM BALM CURES CATARRH COLD IN HEAD HAY-FEVER ROSE-COLD DEAFNESS HEADACHE 50 CTS. ELY BROS. NEW YORK

Cream Balm is placed into the nostrils, spreads over the membrane and is absorbed. Relief is immediate and a cure follows. It is not drying—does not produce sneezing. Large Size, 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; Trial Size, 10 cents.

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Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painless, and not astringent or poisonous.

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Welcome With New Year's Greetings.

The year of 1902 is drawing to a close. We trust it has been as pleasant and profitable to you as it has been to us.

Our Christmas trade was phenomenal; it broke all records of the past. Our whole year's business was unusually good. We are now facing the year 1903 and have already been making preparations for the year's business. The rush is over, but our stock is not broken. We anticipated a big trade and bought accordingly.

We have just received a nice line of new Black Beaver Hats, very stylish, at $2.75 each. Also a nice line of Scratch Felt Hats, in black and all colors, at 69c each. We have an extensive line of Ready-to-wear Hats that we are selling for 50c, 69c, 89c and $1.19, which is about 50 per cent. of actual value.

In new Ribbons we have just received a large shipment, in all colors. Beautiful Glazed Taffetta Ribbons, in Nos. 5 and 7, at 5c per yard; Nos. 9 and 12, at 8c per yard; Nos. 16 and 22, at 10c per yard; No. 40, at 15c per yard; No. 60, at 20c per yard; and No. 80, at 25c per yard. Satin and Taffetta Ribbons are from 5c to 35c per yard.

In Ladies' Hats we have a big lot to sell at 25c each, regardless of cost or quality; all shapes and colors, and all this year's goods.

Our Cloak Department has had an immense success this season. We have bought several large shipments of Cloaks at almost half-price, and we have on hand a very nice and extensive line. Nicely lined and well made Beaver Coats at $3.50. The latest Monte Carlo Coats at $5, and the best $10 Monte Carlos are going at $7.50 each.

In ladies and children underwear we have just received quite a nice shipment. Ladies' red and white flannel vests and pants of all kinds and in all sizes for 75 cents, 85 cents and $1 each. Ladies' bleached ribbed vests at 25 cents each. Just received a large shipment of samples in needlewear which represents one and two of a kind of anything you can call for, which we are selling at about first cost; we make our profits in the discounts. Vests and pants in this lot run from 10 cents to $2.25 each.

We have also received 120 dozen of sample hosiery, all colors and prices from 5 cents to 25 cents a pair.

We have children's hose in all sizes from 5 cents to 25 cents; we have an immense stock of ladies and gentlemen's hosiery; our line of Shamrock hosiery for ladies are the best value to be had, sell for 12½ cents, 15 cents and 25 cents a pair.

Men's ½ wool socks at 10 cents a pair; all wool at 15 cents. The finest 25 cents cashmere hose are selling at 20 cents.

Embroidery, we have about 8,000 yards bought at a low down price. Good embroidery with a lot of work for 4c. Very good value at 5c., and 15c value we are selling at 10c. Our corset stock has just been replenished. Just received 30 doz. R. & G. corsets to sell for 50, 75, and $1. The long hip corset for $125. Our B. C. N. corset cannot be matched in any retail store in the city, we buy them in solid case lots and can sell you a 75c. corset for 50c.

Our Kalamazoo Corsets in blue and white and pink and white and all white, are well shaped and good values, running at 25c. Regular 50c Corsets for 39c.

Infants' Cloaks. Just bought a sample line to sell for 50c, 75c, 89c up to $2.25. All well made and new styles.

Ladies' heavy Capes, nicely trimmed, in fur and made of Beaver cost, all new goods, $1.50 and $1.75 each; 50c each; less than cost.

A nice line of new Belts at 25c and 39c each.

In our Men's and Boys' Clothing Department, judging by our sales, you would think no one else in the city carried Clothing. Good suits from $3 up. In boys' heavy-weight Clothing, we have just bought out a factory. Suits that sold for $3 we can sell now for $2.25; we have them from $1.50 up. In boys' Pants we have agency for New York Mill & Co. All made with tape seams and made of best woollen goods; all 50c a pair; any size.

In our Clothing Department we have 500 nice Clothes Brushes to give away, one with each suit sold.

If you are thinking of having your photo enlarged, we represent the Argo Mfg. Co., of Chicago, who make oil paintings for us. We give an Argo oil painting free with every $20 cash purchase, when you buy the frame from us.

With best wishes for a happy New Year.

The Big Racket Store.

P. S.—For Sunday School Christmas Trees we have lots of nice Toys left on hand. Plenty of Toys and China Bric-a-brac. dec 28 tf

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"District Agents" for the

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One of the greatest labor-saving machines known, and such work as it does cannot be done by any other machine made.

In a few days will show one of the largest and finest lines of American and English double and single breech Loading Shot Guns ever brought to this market.

Purcell Building, Wilmington, N. C.

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Overcoats and Sweaters.

NEW LOT CARHART UNDERWEAR at

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615, 617 and 619 North Fourth Street,
Car fare paid on purchases of $2.00 and over. dec 28 tf

WE PAY 4 PER CENT. INTEREST

On small sums as well as large amounts.

You can open an account by depositing TWENTY FIVE CENTS. Every nickel you spend is gone forever and eternally, but every nickel you save is still yours, and if invested with us will draw interest, compounded quarterly, for years to come. Begin the New Year right by opening a savings account.

Deposits made on or before January 2nd, 1903, will bear interest from January 1st.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.

J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President.
C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

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ATLANTIC TRUST AND BANKING CO.,

16 Princess Street, Wilmington, N. C.

Solicits your account. Pays 4 per cent. interest on deposits, compounded quarterly. Deposits made on or before January 2nd will draw interest from January 1st.

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WILL CLOSE OUT ENTIRE LOT MONDAY

At 3 1-2 Cents Per Yard.

DON'T MISS THIS SALE.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

LOW ROUND TRIP

Rates From Wilmington

Sixth Annual Exhibition, Charlotte Poultry Association, Charlotte, N. C., January 12th-15th, 1903. Dates of sale January 11th to 14th, inclusive. Final limit January 16th. Rate, $6.30.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

On Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Jan. 1, the Atlantic Coast Line will sell tickets to all points in territory of the Southeastern Passenger Association at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip, limited Jan. 3. Upon presentation and surrender of certificates signed by superintendents, principals or presidents of schools or colleges tickets at this rate will be sold to teachers and students, Dec. 16 to 22, inclusive; limited Jan. 8th.

W. J. CRAIG,
Approved: Gen'l Passenger Agent.
H. M. EMERSON,
Traffic Manager.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Nov. 30, 1902.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48	No. 40
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 21 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 18 p m	10 40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11.35 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	....
Ar Weldon	4 53 p m	1 45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 52 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Richmond	7.45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11.40 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.23 a m	9 10 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 25 a m
Ar New York	7.08 a m	1 52 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41	No. 49
Lv New York	9 00 a m	9 30 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 30 a m	12 10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 44 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	2 50 p m	8.45 a m
Ar Norfolk	....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	6 56 p m	8 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	7 32 p m	9 13 a m
Ar Weldon	9 04 p m	11 22 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 07 p m	12 59 p m
Ar Wilson	10 48 p m	1 46 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	2 55 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 15 a m	5 [illegible]5 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7.00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	2.35 a m‡
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	5 45 a m
Ar Savannah	6 35 p m	3 00 a m	7 55 a m
Ar Jacksonville	....	9.00 a m	12 45 p m
Ar Tampa	....	7.00 p m	10.00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8.05 p m	9 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7.30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Savannah	1.10 p m	1.15 a m
Ar Charleston	5 15 p m	6.25 a m
Ar Florence	8 01 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11.45 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound Daily.		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar.	8.00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 21 p m	Ar.	5 00 p m
Ar Sanford	1 50 p m	Lv.	3.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday.		South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2 32 p m	Ar.	12 08 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv.	9 01 a m

‡Via Wilson.

Trains Nos 40 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.
H. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.

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READ DOWN.

WINTER SCHEDULE

CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS, LIGHT AND POWER CO.

Schedule In Effect Sunday, December 28.

WILMINGTON TO OCEAN VIEW. Leave. | OCEAN VIEW TO WILMINGTON. Arrive.

*1 A. M	3 A. M	5 P. M	7 P. M	9 P. M	Sat. only P. M	Stations.	2 A. M	4 P. M	6 P. M	8 P. M	10 P. M	Sat. only P. M
7.00	10.00	1.00	3.00	6.00	10.00	Front and Princess	8.30	12.30	2.30	5.50	7.30	11.00
7.10	10.10	1.10	3.10	6.10	10.10	Delgado	8.20	12.20	2.20	5.40	7.20	10.50
7.12	10.12	1.12	3.12	6.12	10.12	Golf Club	8.18	12.18	2.18	5.38	7.18	10.48
7.15	10.15	1.15	3.15	6.15	10.15	Masonboro	8.15	12.15	2.15	5.35	7.15	10.45
7.23	10.23	1.23	3.23	6.23	10.23	Greenville	8.07	12.07	2.07	5.27	7.07	10.37
7.25	10.25	1.25	3.25	6.25	10.25	Bradley's Creek	8.05	12.05	2.05	5.25	7.05	10.35
7.30	10.30	1.30	3.30	6.30	10.30	Wrightsville	8.00	12.00	2.00	5.20	7.00	10.30
	10.45	......	3.45	......	......	Ocean View	......	11.45	......	5.05	......	......

Arrive. | Leave.

*Daily Except Sunday.
Trains Nos 1, 5 and 9 will also carry passengers to Ocean View. Upon request to the conductor.
Freight received at Ninth and Orange streets from 4 to 5 P. M. Daily ex. Sunday. dec 27 tf

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Wholesale Grocers,
118 to 120 North Water street,
Wilmington, N. C.

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SEABOARD

AIR LINE RAILWAY

Schedule in Effect Nov. 22

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington at 3:20 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:44 P. M., Pembroke 6:10 P. M., Maxton 6.40 P. M., Hamlet 7:30 P. M., Charlotte 10:12 P. M.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 A. M., Hamlet at 8 25 A. M., arrives Maxton 9.10 A. M., Pembroke 9:43 A. M., Lumberton 10 08 A. M., Wilmington 12.30 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	9 45 p m	7 40 a m
Ar Monroe	11 2[illegible] a m	9 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	....	10 23 a m
Ar Chester	12.51 a m	10 30 a m
Ar Greenwood	3 25 a m	12.57 p m
Ar Athens	2 58 a m	3 58 p m
Ar Atlanta	7 35 a m	4.00 p m

Close connection at Atlanta for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and all points in Texas, Mexico and California; also for Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Western and Northwestern points.

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	9 45 p m	7 35 a m
Ar Columbia	1 15 a m	11 20 a m
Ar Savannah	2 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Jacksonville	7 00 a m	9 15 p m
Ar Tampa	6 45 p m	6 00 a m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 40 p m	7.50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.30 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norlina	3 22 a m	1.25 p m
Ar Portsmouth Ar Norfolk	7.15 a m	5.35 p m

Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	8 40 a m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 30 a m	11.45 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norlina	3.22 a m	1.25 a m	1.25 p m
Ar Petersburg	5.33 a m	4.07 p m	4.47 p m
Ar Richmond	6.35 a m	4.55 p m	5.40 p m
Ar Washington	10.10 a m	8.30 p m	....
Ar Baltimore	11.25 a m	11.25 p m	....
Ar New York	4.15 p m	6.30 a m	....

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 8.25 a. m. takes passengers from train 31, leaving New York at 12.55 p. m.; Baltimore at 5.45 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m.; Richmond 10.57 p. m.; Portsmouth 9.05 p. m.; Norfolk 8.30 p. m.; Raleigh 4.15 a. m. arriving at Hamlet at 7.00 a. m. From train 38, leaving Atlanta 1.00 p. m.; Athens 2.57 p. m.; Chester 4.15 a. m.; Charlotte 5 01 a. m.; Monroe 5.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.30 a. m.

From train 66 leaving Jacksonville 4.30 p. m.; Savannah 12.10 p. m.; Columbia 3.55 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 8 20 a. m.

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

For tickets, Pullman reservations, etc., apply to Thomas D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

Happy and Prosperous New Year.

HALL & PEARSALL.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 14.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. GOING WEST

3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	3 Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS	4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	4 Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston	10 18	....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 37	9 00
7 08	7 07	Morehead City	7 20	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.15 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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The Clyde Steamship Co

New York, Wilmington, N. C., and Georgetown, S. C., Lines.

From New York for Wilmington.
GEO. W. CLYDE .... Saturday, Dec. 20
ONEIDA .... Saturday, Dec. 27

From Wilmington for New York.
ONEIDA .... Saturday, Dec. 20
CLYDE .... Saturday, Dec. 27

From Wilmington for Georgetown.
CLYDE .... Tuesday, Dec. 23
ONEIDA .... Tuesday, Dec. 30

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 1.

SUITS FOR LARGE AMOUNTS.

Against the Erie Road and the Pennsylvania Coal Co. by Twenty-two Residents of New York City.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Suits have been brought by twenty-two residents of this city, who claim that during the recent coal strike they were decoyed to the mines in Pennsylvania by agents of the Erie road and of the Pennsylvania Coal Company. Damages for $50,000 each, amounting to $1,100,000 in all, are sued for, and the attorney for the plaintiffs consulted with an assistant district attorney to-day about bringing the matter before the grand jury to be sworn next Monday. The plaintiffs claim that under pretence of doing work for the railroad and coal company they were decoyed to Hoboken, where they were locked in a car and carried against their will to the coal regions in Pennsylvania and compelled to act as "strike breakers" under threats of "being turned over to the fury of the miners." The men say they finally succeeded in making their way back to the city, but declare that on their way home they had narrow escapes from being mobbed. An officer of the Erie railroad said no complaint had been served as yet on the company. He said he had no doubt that the companies would be able to successfully defend any suits that might be brought against them. The company, said this officer, is always extremely careful to explain to the men the conditions under which they are employed.

GANG TOBACCO SMUGGLERS.

Alleged to be Engaged in Bringing Sumatra Leaf to This Country on North Atlantic Steamers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The *Evening Post* says to-day:

"Nevada N. Stranahan, collector of the port, from certain evidence in his hands believes that there is a regularly organized gang of tobacco smugglers engaged in bringing the leaf into this country on the North Atlantic passenger liners. He is satisfied that he knows the principals in the illegal traffic, and he is preparing now to close the nets around them and arrest the ringleaders in the scheme, as many of their tools and underlings as he can lay hands on and find legal proof against. In line with his plans to root out the evil many seizures of tobacco have been made recently. Mr. Stranahan said to-day: 'Practically every month since I have been in office seizures of smuggled tobacco have been made. Always it has been Sumatra wrappers, on which the duty is $1 85 a pound. Every evidence points to an organized trade, and I am satisfied that I know the men behind it. The stokers and sailors whom we have arrested and convicted have had their fines paid in every case.'"

CONSOLIDATED TOBACCO CO.

Capital Stock to be Increased From $30,000,000 to $40,000,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Announcement was made to day that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Consolidated Tobacco Company had been held at which it was unanimously voted to increase the capital stock from $30,000,000 to $40,000,000. Present shareholders will have the privilege to subscribe for the new stock at the rate of one-third of their present holding. There will be no public offerings of the new stock, which is all common, and will, it is announced, be placed in the treasury of the company, to be used in the regular course of business.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 31.—The Consolidated Tobacco Company to-night filed papers with the Secretary of State increasing the capital stock from $30,000,000 to $40,000,000. An attempt was made to file the papers this morning, but they were rejected because of technical imperfections. The papers filed to-night contained the names of J. B. Duke, president, and Charles F. Keene, secretary. Among the stockholders who have given their consent to the increase and the number of shares held by each are as follows: A. N. Brady, 25,000 shares; J. B. Duke, 25,000 shares; B. N. Duke, 15,000; W. L. Elkins, 10,000; Moore and Schley, 70,000; O. H. Paine, 25,000; Thomas F. Ryan, 25,000; William C. Whitney, 25,000; P. A. B. Widener, 25,000.

SITUATION IN MOROCCO.

All the European Powers in Accord With Spain—No News From Fez.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, Dec. 31.—Germany has notified Spain that she intends to observe an attitude towards Morocco similar to that of France and Great Britain. All the powers are thus in accord with Spain's desire to maintain the *status quo*.

A dispatch received here from Ceuta, Morocco, says that a Moor who was under British protection has been murdered by Moors between Tangier and Tetuan.

TANGIER, MOROCCO, Dec. 31.—During the recent battle with the government forces the rebels captured twelve of the Sultan's cannon and his treasure chests.

The Bendier and surrounding tribes are menacing Tetuan. The excitement there is intense.

No further news has been received from Fez. The couriers have been delayed by heavy rains.

The Americans who are going to Bairam Ali, Trans Caucasis, to install cotton oil machinery in the Imperial domain there, have arrived at Moscow.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25 cents, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

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CASTRO ACCEPTS ALLIES' PROPOSAL

To Submit Venezuela Difficulties to the Arbitration of The Hague Tribunal.

WITHHELD FROM PUBLICATION

Details of Answer Will Not be Published in Advance of its Reception by European Allied Powers—Gives Satisfaction in Washington.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The answer of President Castro to the proposals of the allies to submit to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal the Venezuelan difficulties, has reached Washington through Minister Bowen. The answer amounts to a general acceptance of the principles of the proposition, President Castro being willing to submit his case to the arbitration of fair and impartial authorities. The details of the answer will not be published here in advance of its reception by the European allied powers, and in fact it may be withheld entirely from publication on the ground that it really belongs to those powers.

To-day the answer is being prepared at the State Department for transmission to Europe. As it is quite long and undoubtedly will require careful consideration by the Foreign Offices at London, Berlin and Rome, it is not expected that any further steps toward a final settlement can be taken for a day or two. The feeling here, however, based on a knowledge of Castro's position, is that his answer practically clears the way for the submission of the case to arbitration. The answer has given great satisfaction here.

Germany's Reservations.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The German government's reservations in agreeing to submit the Venezuelan claims to arbitration continue to be undisclosed in their entirety.

From statements appearing to-day, however, it seems to be confirmed that Germany excludes from the claims which are subject to arbitration demands amounting to $300,000 for seizure of property and outrages on the persons of German subjects, which are here deemed so clear that it is useless to call in arbitrators. The payment of this sum will not be demanded in cash at present, but a sufficient guarantee will be insisted upon. Great Britain's preferred claims are equivalent in amount, $300,000. Germany waives an apology for what are here called "diplomatic insults," asking only material reparation.

The *Lokal Anzeiger*, the only German newspaper having a special correspondent at Caracas, prints a dispatch from the Venezuelan capital, dated December 29th, relating the correspondent's experience interviewing President Castro. He found him at General Alcantara's estate at LaVictoria, dancing at noon day. General Alcantara, who was waiting with a bundle of dispatches, remarked to the correspondent that "it would not do to interrupt the president's pleasure, even with state business." But the correspondent says he spoke to the president between dances and "after conversational reconnoisance," inquired if he intended to give the powers satisfaction.

"Why, no," replied the president; "I am the one demanding satisfaction for insults."

"At this remark," the correspondent continues, "a lady clapped the president on the back and said: 'That's the way to talk, old boy.'"

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, Dec. 31.—Admiral Douglas, R. N., to-day granted a special permit to the Orinoco Steamship Company to send its steamer Bolivar to Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela, and for the vessel's return here. The steamer Manzanares, now on the Orinoco river, will be coaled by the Bolivar. The Manzanares will also return to this port.

RACE TROUBLE IN JAMAICA.

Caused by the Shooting of a Negro, Mate on the American Brig Sunlight, by the Master of the Vessel.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

KINGSTON, JA., Dec. 31.—Considerable excitement prevails at Savanna La Mar, on the southwest coast of this island, caused by the shooting there yesterday of the Jamaican negro second mate of the American brig Sunlight by the first officer of that vessel, H. G. Gardner, of Maine. According to the details which have reached here trouble arose on board the Sunlight over the color question and the crew left her and refused to return on board. During the disturbance, it appears, Gardner fired at the second mate and probably fatally wounded him. A strong force of police was sent on board the brig to arrest Gardner and it was with difficulty that he was overpowered and taken to jail. The police were compelled to guard the building in order to prevent native mobs from attacking it. The Sunlight was loading logwood for Boston.

SOUTHERN RAILROAD MERGER.

Officials Called Before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FRANKFORT, KY., Dec. 31.—To endeavor to prove its charge of a Southern railroad merger, made some months ago before the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Kentucky railroad commission, the latter body has had subpoenes served on leading financiers of the country and on high officials of the corporations alleged to have been merged. Prominent among those called to appear before the Interstate Commerce Commission in New York city on January 15th next, the date set for hearing the charge, are J. P. Morgan, George W. Perkins, John W. Gates, August Belmont, Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway Company, and R. G. Erwin, president of the Atlantic Coast Line Company.

ANGLO-AMERICAN TOBACCO TRUST.

To Introduce in Germany a System of Rebates and Premiums to Small Dealers

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The Anglo-American Tobacco Trust will introduce here to-morrow a system of rebates and premiums to small dealers. The trust only owns one factory in Germany, the Jasmatzi, at Dresden, which it has greatly enlarged and filled with new cigarette machinery of American make. It has not accepted so far other factories which were offered to it by timid proprietors, but has negotiated without success for two or three of the largest businesses in Germany.

FAILURE RECORD FOR 1902.

Regarded as on the Whole a Favorable One—Only the South Shows an Increase Over Record of 1901.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—In spite of some crop shortages, added to record breaking strikes and reduced foreign trade, Bradstreets, January 3rd, will report that the failure record for the past year is on the whole a favorable one. In only one section, the South, was there an increase of casualties over the record of 1901, and in only two, the South and Central West, was there an increase of liabilities.

During the year there were reported 9,971 commercial failures, with liabilities of $105,593,623 and assets of $50,870,800, a decrease in number of failures of 5.5 and 7 per cent. as shown, but comparisons with prior years are markedly in favor of 1902. In liabilities an even better showing is made, those for 1902 being the smallest reported for 20 years. While the proportion of assets to liabilities was 48 per cent. in 1902, against 46 9 in 1901 and 47 2 in 1900, it is lower than in any preceding year since 1885.

With two exceptions the number of failures was the smallest in fourteen years, despite the fact that the number of concerns in business is growing steadily, the increase since 1892 aggregating 19 per cent. The annual "death rate" is shown to be only .80 in 1902 against .88 in 1901, and .85, hitherto the lowest records made in 1900 and 1899.

NATIONAL FOREST RESERVE.

Bill Providing for Purchase of Four Million Acres to be Pressed at the Present Session of Congress

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—The American Forestry Association opened its twenty-first annual meeting here to-day. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson made an address in which he said that the Department is experimenting to ascertain what trees are best adapted to different localities. Over one hundred thousand plants, he said, will be sent out for experiment during the coming year. The report of the board of directors showed that greater interest is being manifested in forestry and in the movement for the establishment of a national forest reserve in the Southern Appalachian mountains. The bill providing for the purchase of 4,000,000 acres at a cost not to exceed $10,000,000, it was stated, will be pressed at this session of Congress. There were 383 members elected during the year, making a total membership of 2,136. Addresses were made by B. E. Fernaw, director of the New York State College of Forestry; Professor Henry S Graves, director of Yale Forestry School; Dr. C. A. Schenck, director of the Biltmore Forestry School, and George B. Sudworth and William L. Hall, of the government bureau of forestry.

INCIPIENT MUTINY QUELLED.

Two Naval Prisoners the Chief Actors on a Steamer From Boston—Disarmed The Guards of Revolvers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 31.—An officer of Marines quelled an incipient mutiny in which two naval prisoners were the chief actors, on board the Sound line steamer Plymouth, during last night. On board were twelve general court martial prisoners who were being taken from the Brooklyn navy yard to the naval prison here to serve out their terms. An escort of marines accompanied the men.

Two of the long term prisoners were unshackled and sent below in charge of two marines. These prisoners disarmed their guards of their revolvers and began a general fusilade. The officer in charge appeared, only to be confronted by one of the men with a drawn revolver. The officer said: "Now don't do anything foolish," and his word had the effect of bringing the unruly men into submission. The men were reshackled. Ten shots in all were fired. The prisoners were landed at Fall River and brought here by train to-day.

VESSELS BADLY DAMAGED.

Steamer New Orleans Crashed Into British Tramp Steamer Near Baltimore.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 31.—The steamer New Orleans, of the Merchants and Miners' Transportation Company's fleet, crashed into the British tramp steamer Caldy last night while the latter vessel was lying at anchor in the Patapsco river off Sparrow's Point. Both steamers were badly damaged. An immense hole was made in the Caldy's stern, which was torn loose and her steering gear was damaged. She was towed to Sparrow's Point today. The New Orleans, Capt. Peters, had a triangular hole torn in her port bow and a smaller hole knocked in her starboard side. The Caldy arrived off Quarantine late yesterday from Benisaf with a cargo of iron ore and anchored. The New Orleans left here last night for Savannah with a heavy cargo and a few passengers. Her cargo was transferred to the steamer Lexington, which sailed to-day for Savannah. The Caldy will probably be repaired at Sparrow's Point.

PROFIT SHARING PLAN.

A System to be Inaugurated by the United States Steel Corporation.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—In a double circular, one to the stockholders and the other to the officers and employes, the United States Steel Corporation announces its intention to inaugurate a system whereby the humblest workman on its roll may, if he desires, become a permanent stockholder and share in the profits of the corporation. The scheme is the result of months of preparation by the finance committee of the corporation and the circulars are signed by George W. Perkins, chairman. The plan is said to have originated with Mr. Perkins.

The circular to the stockholders points out the apparent advantage of the plan, which was devised "with equal fairness to every man, from the president of the steel corporation itself, to the man with pick and shovel working for one of the subsidiary companies."

Dr. Lorenz, the orthopedic surgeon of Vienna, sailed yesterday for England from New York.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

CHINA REFUSES TO PAY IN GOLD.

Second Installment of the International Indemnity Falls Due To-day.

MUST BE PAID IN SILVER.

United States Government Has Decided to Accept Payment on the Basis Proposed—European Powers Threaten Grave Consequences.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PEKIN, Dec. 31.—The ministers here of the foreign powers have telegraphed their governments the refusal of China to pay the international indemnity in gold notes, and have discussed the matter among themselves. It is proposed to inform the Chinese government that failure to fulfil the obligations provided in the protocol will entail grave consequences.

Replying to inquiries from the legations, the Foreign Office to-day admitted that there was some truth in the reports of warlike preparations on the part of Tung Fu Siang, although it characterizes the stories of his movements as exaggerated. The Foreign Office says the viceroys of the northern provinces have sufficient troops to subdue him. This latter statement, however, is disbelieved. It is expected that government troops will join Tung Fu Siang in the event of his undertaking a rebellion.

Beyond China's Ability.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The State department has been officially advised through its fiscal agents in China that the second installment of the Chinese indemnity fund which falls due tomorrow must be paid in silver, or rather on a silver basis. The department will have placed to its credit the sum of $196,098, for it has without hesitation decided to accept the payment on the basis proposed. The Chinese tael which was the basis of the calculation of the indemnity was worth 74 cents at the time the agreement was signed in Pekin, and is now worth only 61 cents. The impression prevails here among persons who have taken part in these settlements that the indemnities demanded by the powers are far beyond China's ability.

AIRSHIP EXPERIMENTS.

Explorers Propose to Cross the Sahara Desert in a Balloon.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—MM. DeBaux and Castillon de St. Victor embarked at Marseilles to-day for Tunis, where they propose to send up two small balloons for the purpose of ascertaining whether the winds which prevail in winter will carry airships across the Sahara desert. If this experiment is successful the two explorers propose to attempt to cross the unexplored portion of the desert in a balloon. This plan receives the support of the French government, which supplies the balloons. The airships to be used first are furnished with automatic registering instruments and carry requests written in several languages asking the finders to return them to the authorities at Tunis. Major Marchand, of Fashoda fame, is to meet the explorers at Gabes, at which point the two balloons will be sent off.

CIVIL COURTS TO DECIDE.

Controversy Between Catholics Over Property in the Philippines.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Secretary Root by a decision just rendered practically has thrown into the hands of the civil courts in the Philippines for decision the controversy between the two lements in the Catholic church in the islands which has developed into an actual schism. The schismatics, under the leadership of a priest known by the name of Aglipay, have retained possession of a large amount of church property which is claimed by the Roman Catholic Church, and the latter appealed to Governor Taft to dispossess the schismatics. The governor held that the question was one for the adjustment of the civil courts and the case sent to Washington in April. Secretary Root has sustained Governor Taft's views.

THIRTY MEN INJURED.

In a Railroad Train Wreck Near Little Rock, Arkansas.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—A special to the *Post Dispatch*, from Little Rock, Ark., says:

Thirty railroad employes were injured, four perhaps fatally, in a wreck to-day at the Fort Smith crossing in North Little Rock. The "Hoodlum" train, in which the employes ride to work, approached the crossing at a fair rate of speed, the engine pushing the cars. Suddenly the engineer saw a light switch engine emerge from behind a building and start across the track ahead of him. He applied the emergency brakes, but the four cars broke loose at the sudden stop and rolled on, striking the switch engine broad side. The two hundred men on the cars jumped, but thirty were caught and crushed.

GOULDS INTERESTED.

In Purchase of N. O. and Northwestern Property in Mississippi.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NATCHEZ, MISS., Dec. 31.—O. E. Radcliff, receiver, appointed by the Federal court, to-night issued a statement giving notice that the Natchez and Southern railroad had purchased from Edwin G. Merrian, purchaser at a foreclosure sale, September 30th, all the railroad property in Mississippi lately owned by the New Orleans and Northwestern Railway Company. Possession of the property was given to-day. The property consists of a depot and several miles of track. The purchase price is said to be $250,000.

It is generally believed that the Goulds are interested in the deal.

The Modern Language Association of America, in session at Baltimore elected Professor George Hemple of the University of Michigan, President. John B. Henneman, of the University of the South, Walter D. Foy, of the University of North Carolina, and Alcee Fortier, of Tulane University, were chosen members of the executive committee.

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TEN MORE PARDONS BY GOVERNOR.

Charters Granted by Secretary of State. Prof. Linscott Dead—Raleigh News.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 31.—Gov. Aycock granted ten pardons to-day, the most notable being to W. T. Roscoe, of Richmond county, sentenced to fifteen years during April, 1900, for murder in the second degree. The Governor says it is represented to him that Roscoe has been a most dutiful prisoner and is thoroughly reformed. Other pardons are mostly to petit offenders in Guilford, Anson and Mecklenburg counties.

The Secretary of State to-day authorized a change in the name of the E. M. Andrews Furniture & Music Co., of Charlotte, to the Parker Gardner Co. Charters were granted to the Barnes Graves Mercantile Co. of Wilson, with $25,000 capital and W. W. Graves and J. T. Barnes, incorporators. Also the John B. Ross Co., of Charlotte, capital $75,000; incorporators John B. Ross and others. Also, the Carpenters' Lumber & Commission Company, of Rutherford county, capital $50,000; R. E. Brooks and others incorporators.

Prof. Henry F. Linscott, of the chair of Latin Literature in the University of North Carolina, died this morning. The remains were carried to Thomaston, Me., for interment, accompanied by Prof. C. L. Roper.

FIRE IN BALTIMORE.

Grain Elevator Destroyed—Loss May Reach Half a Million.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 31.—The Northern Central railroad grain elevator No. 3 was totally destroyed by fire to-night. Three foreign steamers—the Alexandria, German; Poiana, British, and Pydna, British—which were tied up alongside, taking in cargoes, were slightly damaged before they could be towed to a safe harbor. The elevator had a capacity of one million bushels and is said to have been half full of grain. No estimate of the monetary loss can be given to-night, but it is thought it will reach half a million.

REAR-END COLLISION.

Another Accident on the Grand Trunk Railway—Conductor Killed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—A rear end collision occurred to-day on the Victoria bridge of the Grand Trunk railway between two freight trains. Conductor Octave Trembley was killed. The wrecked cars took fire and all traffic was blocked. Trains to and from the United States cross the St. Lawrence river over the Victoria bridge. A caboose and three freight cars were destroyed. Traffic was later resumed. The collision was caused by the air brakes of the rear train failing to work.

WARM WIRELETS.

W. A. Byrd, of Easley, Ala., fell from a moving train near Jacksonville, Fla., and was killed. The man was about thirty-five years old and was supposed to have been deaf and dumb. He was on his way to Tampa.

Ed. Hines, a negro sought by officers on a charge of murder, barricaded himself in a cabin near Deeson, Miss., yesterday afternoon and defied the officers. A pitched battle followed in which Hines was killed.

Mother: If baby has a cough or cold, Anway's Croup Syrup will cure him and give all hands a good night's sleep. It is safe to give babies and no home is safe without a bottle on hand. Thousands use it; every mother who has used it will testify to its merits. 25 cts at Robt. R. Bellamy's. †

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Wanted—Girl to learn the telephone board. No one need apply unless they want and need a position. Reference required. Apply at Bell Telephone Exchange. jan 1 1t

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The Best grade of Welsbach goods for sale at cost. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co. jan 1 1t

Wanted—Log scaler. Address, stating experience and salary expected. P. O. Box 387. dec 31 2t

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Grocery Business for Sale—Because unsuited to my taste, I will sell at cost a clean stock of Groceries and transfer lease on one of the best corners in city. Grocer, care STAR. dec 28 tf

Notice—The tug-boat LaChiquita having been sold by J. L. Russ to Peter Simpson, all persons having claims against said boat will present them to me within thirty days from the date of this notice. This the 18th day of December, 1902. Robert G. Grady. dec 19 30t

Wanted—A trustworthy gentleman or lady in each county to manage business for an old established house of solid financial standing. A straight, bona fide weekly salary of $18.00 paid by check each Wednesday with all expenses direct from headquarters. Money advanced for expenses. Manager, 360 Caxton Bldg., Chicago. dec 2 1m

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A NEW YEAR'S GIFT.

Quarter of a Million Dollars From Carnegie to New Orleans.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, December 31.—Andrew Carnegie has given New Orleans a quarter of a million dollars for a New Year's gift. The money is to be devoted to a main library building and three branches. The city is to furnish the sites and pledge twenty-five thousand dollars a year for support. The conditions will no doubt be accepted and the city probably will tear down the present library facing the City Hall, as the site for the main building. Professor J. H. Dillard, of Tulane University, vice president of the library board, was summoned to New York to arrange the details.

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The Board of Directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company have declared a dividend of two and one-half per cent on the common capital stock of that company. Dividend due and payable at the office of the Treasurer, at Wilmington, N. C., on and after January 10th, 1903. The transfer books will stand closed from December 31st, 1902, to January 10th, 1903.

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Men's all Linen Handkerchiefs 25 to 50 cents.

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